

INAUGURAL SW MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

An Exploration in *Authentic* Feminism from the
Catholic Church's Perspective.

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8:30 AM – 5 PM

HACKETT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1000 W. Kilgore Rd; Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS:

TERESA TOMEO

Talk-show host, motivational speaker, and media consultant with more than 20 years of experience as a journalist in television, radio and print media. She hosts the nationally syndicated radio talk-show *The Catholic Connection* produced by Ave Maria Radio Network and heard on 125 stations. Most recently, she was invited to Rome to be one of only 260 international delegates to participate in the 20th anniversary of *Mulieris Dignitatum*, a "Congress on Women".

FR. ROBERT SIRICO

Fr. Sirico lectures at colleges, universities, and business organizations throughout the U.S. and abroad. His writings on religious, political, economic, and social matters are published in a variety of journals, including: the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and the *London Financial Times*. Father Sirico is often called upon by members of the broadcast media for statements regarding economics, civil rights, and issues of religious concern, and has provided commentary for CNN, ABC, the BBC, NPR, and CBS' *60 Minutes*, among others.

MARTE COLE

Professional trainer and writer who has worked in the communications, marketing and human resources industries. A natural-born presenter, she has taught *Sacrosanct* classes for the

Being an authentic feminist is a vocation – a way to live out to the fullest the holy and sublime gifts God has given every woman. It's also a calling to apply these gifts to the family, to society, to the Church ... to every aspect of our lives.

The Catholic Church has studied these issues through the lens of Grace given to it by our Lord Jesus Christ. And in the landmark apostolic letter *Mulieris Dignitatem* (On the Dignity of Women), Pope John Paul II explained with profound insight what authentic feminism means and how, when effectively applied, it can transform the world.

At the inaugural **Southwest Michigan Catholic Women's Conference**, we will explore the themes of **authentic feminism** and how to make them relevant to everything we as women are.

The goals of the conference are several:

- To spiritually re-energize women
- To clearly articulate the Church's teaching on the dignity and vocation of women
- To welcome back those who have felt disenfranchised by an unclear understanding of the Church's teaching

The conference will be jam-packed with great talks and great speakers (lunch included!). Participants will also have the opportunity to attend Mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray with prayer teams, and visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Please join us! And consider bringing someone struggling with issues about the Catholic faith – this could be an opportunity for healing and reconciliation.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Street: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____ Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Conference fee (includes lunch): \$35 in advance (by 10/15); \$30 for groups of 10 or more (by 10/15); \$40 at the door. Some scholarships are available.

of tickets: _____ Amount paid: _____ Make checks payable to CIC.

Questions? Call 269-553-0482.

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