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Women's Conference Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Vatican Document on the Dignity and Vocation of Women

Over 800 women from throughout the Detroit metro area will participate in the annual Catholic Women's Conference to be held Saturday, October 25, at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren.

"Empowering Women to Make a Difference in the World" is the theme of the conference. It will mark the 20th anniversary of *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pope John Paul II's apostolic letter on the dignity and vocation of women.

"The conference celebrates the gift it is to be a woman in today's world," said Judy Maten, coordinator of the Office of Evangelization and Women's Ministry of the Archdiocese of Detroit. "Walk-ins are welcome as we gather to celebrate, break open the document, and be inspired by women who have answered God's call to love and serve the Lord and each other."

The conference will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. with Mass celebrated by Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Flores. The cost is \$45 per person, including lunch. More information can be found at www.aodwomensministry.org or by calling 313-237-5806.

Conference presenters will include:

- Eleanor Josaitis, co founder of Focus:HOPE, who will be honored at the gathering.
- Sr. Nancy Murray, OP, who will present her play, "Catherine of Sienna: A Woman of Our Times."
- Bishop Daniel Flores, who will speak on "The Gift of God Entrusted to Women."
- Sherron Jenkins, director of Detroit's St. Dominick's Outreach Center, who's topic will be "To Love and Serve the Lord."

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***Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this event. For more information, contact Judy Maten at 313-268-1985.**