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ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 21...

...YOUR PARISH NAME HERE —WOMEN AND MEN TOGETHER...



...WILL COMMEMORATE, CELEBRATE, AND CALL FORTH...

Feminism and Faith in Union!

Inspired by the Women's Marches around the world one year ago, and eager to share an infusion of feminist energy and truth with the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of **Your Parish Name Here** will celebrate **Feminism and Faith in Union** on Sunday, January 21.

Feminists of all genders are invited to **gather for an interfaith blessing at location here**, and then **we will hold our own march!** At **Parish Name**, parishioners will be **praying, singing, preparing** — and then **joyfully welcoming marchers** as they pour in off the street into our church.

Together at time of mass, we will celebrate our Gospel values and bear witness to the inequalities experienced by those marginalized in our faith tradition and society.

Together, in the holy sacrament of the Eucharist, we will celebrate the sacred union of faith and feminism!

There are many ways to participate! We need volunteers to make signs, publicize the event, and to lead and coordinate on the day itself. To sign up to help in any way, email [insert your parish email here](#). And follow the event on Facebook at facebook.com/feminismfaith. We look forward to celebrating with you on January 21!

Are you hosting a march? Include your own map here, with march route!
Or add other information about your event!

Feminism and Faith in Union!

A Natural Partnership?

We know from Galatians 3.28 that *there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus*, but you might still be wondering....

Am I a feminist?

What is feminism?

How does it relate to our faith?

Did you know...

ï **Merriam-Webster declared "feminism" the Word of the Year for 2017.**

Feminism was the most looked-up word in its online dictionary, with 70% more searches than in 2016. Their definitions: "the theory supporting the political, economic and social equality of the sexes" and "organized activity on behalf of women's rights and interests."

- **Feminism isn't just for females.** People of any gender can be feminists.
"A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men."
—Gloria Steinem
- **Feminism is inclusive and empowering.** It is NOT anti-male.
Instead, feminists value the gifts and contributions of all people. Think of how much richer our world and our church would be if everyone's voice was heard and everyone's gifts were recognized and embraced.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. 1 Cor 12.4, 7

"We need as a church to be 'informed' and 'reformed' by the prayer, experience and spiritual leadership of women in the church....The voices of those women who advocate for more visible and audible leadership are critical for the future of our church. To hear and see women in leadership roles is not an 'indulgence' but a recognition of the God-given gifts of faith and fidelity that are at the heart of discipleship. Thank you Mary of Magdala!"

— Fr. Bob VerEecke, SJ, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in NYC, in his letter From the Pastor's Desk, October 29, 2017

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