



The Association for the Rights of Catholics
in the Church (ARCC)

presents the
2007 Hans Küng Award
for the Rights of Catholics in the Church
to
Sr. Joan Chittister

Thursday November 8, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Foundry United Methodist Church
1500 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

7:30 – Presentation of Award
8:00 – Sr. Joan's Lecture:
"Roots and Wings: the Ongoing Renewal of the Church."
9:00 – Open Forum –
questions and responses from audience



Event tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online at <http://arccsites.org> or by sending a check to ARCC Secretary Bob Schutzius at 3150 Newgate Drive, Florissant, MO 63033.

Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, is one of the most powerful visionary voices of contemporary Christian and ecumenical religious life. Sr. Joan is the founder and serves as executive director of Benetvision: Research and Resource Center for Contemporary Spirituality, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, PA. She is the past president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (consisting of superiors of the over 75,000 Catholic religious women in the U.S.).

She was prioress of her Erie community for twelve years and president of the Conference of American Benedictine Prioresses 1974-90. She is co-chair of the Women's Global Peace Initiative and the Tikkun Community, and serves as a member of the Niwano Peace Foundation, Tokyo, Japan, and the International Committee for the Peace Council, a partner organization of the United Nations. She is scheduled to participate as the Christian respondent to the Dalai Lama's presentation alongside representatives of Judaism, Hinduism, and Islam in the first Emory University Summit on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding this October.

A social psychologist and communications theorist with a doctorate from Penn State University, Sr. Joan was an invited fellow and research associate at St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University in 1996 and held the Brueggeman Chair of Ecumenical Theology at Xavier University in 2002. An acclaimed international lecturer and award-winning author of more than thirty books and a continuous stream of columns and articles, she has been an advocate for the rights of women, children, the poor, and the generally disenfranchised for many decades. Two years ago *Called to Question, a Spiritual Memoir* and *In the Heart of the Temple* received first-place awards from the Catholic Press Association.



The Association for the Rights of Catholics in the Church (ARCC) was founded in 1980 by lay and clerical Catholics in the wake of Vatican condemnations of such theologians as Edward Schillebeeckx, Jacques Pohier, and Hans Küng. The Association seeks to put into practice the statement of the 1971 Synod of Bishops: "While the Church is bound to give witness to justice, she recognizes that anyone who ventures to speak to people about justice must first be just in their eyes. Hence we must undertake an examination of the modes of acting and of the possessions and life-style found within the Church itself. Within the Church, rights must be preserved."

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