

Sister Chris Schenk, CSJ

Chris Schenk is a Sister of St. Joseph and an online columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter*. (<http://ncronline.org>) She is the founding director of FutureChurch which she led from 1990 – 2013. At FutureChurch, Schenk designed and administered four national initiatives with a focus on women – Women in Church Leadership, Women and the Word, Celebrating Women Witnesses, and a Million Voices.

As part of the Women in Church Leadership initiative, Chris restored awareness of St. Mary of Magdala as the first witness to the Resurrection and a respected leader of the early Church.

Sister Theresa Kane placed Chris' achievements into perspective, when she spoke at FutureChurch's 25th Anniversary (Nov. 12, 2015): "I am just honored to be here at this significant and historical religious event, and indeed it is significant and it is religious. We are privileged to witness and celebrate the Silver Anniversary by many for a vision that was gifted to a few. Truly, this jubilee moment is a fulfillment of God's plan for our Church in the twenty-first century."

Schenk is one of three sisters featured in the award winning documentary, *Radical Grace* available at <http://radicalgracefilm.com>.

Her forthcoming book, *Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity* will be published early 2017.

FutureChurch is a national coalition of 3,500 parish centered Catholics striving to educate fellow Catholics. FutureChurch distributes education, advocacy and prayer resources and encourages Catholics to work for changes that will provide all Roman Catholics the opportunity to participate fully in Church life and leadership. Learn more at: www.futurechurch.org.

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Program

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While much necessary scholarly ink has been spilled tracing the decline of women's public leadership in the early church, what is easily overlooked is that Christianity's rapid expansion is largely due to the leadership of women. Yet by the fifth century, women were silenced and excluded from church preaching and governance.

Come and...

- View a presentation of original research of fourth century tombs of Christian women leaders illustrating women exercising authority and influence within their communities.
- Explore practical strategies for healing institutional deafness to "Women of the Word."
- Access tools for educating local faith communities about women's leadership in the early church.
- Hear about Sister Chris' 25-year journey in working for reform and renewal, her dream for the future of our Church and why we can make a difference.
- Have time to pray, reflect and consider together the Spirit's faithfulness to us and to the renewal of our Church.

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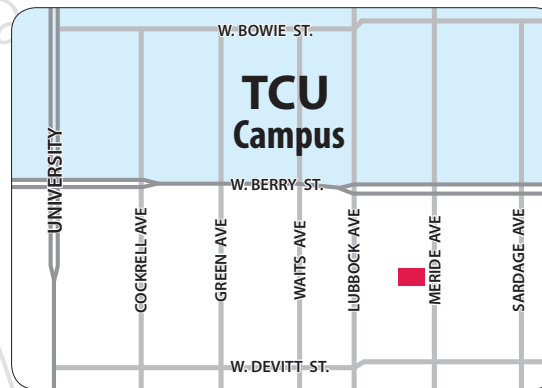
Conference Schedule

8:30 am Registration & Coffee
9:00 am Program
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Program
4:00 pm Conclusion

Registration Fee:

Before April 15, \$30 paid registration
After April 15 and Walk-ins: \$35
Workshop includes box lunch.
Discounts are available.

The Event Center



The Event Center, Building 3 is a half-block south of Berry and five blocks east of University Drive. Parking off of both Merida and Lubbock Streets. Please use the wheelchair accessible South Entrance.

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