

Conference with Sr. Joan Chittister and Fr. Richard Rohr

Prophets Then, Prophets Now Albuquerque, NM June 30 - July 2, 2006

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Why are people
afraid to admit that
they could function
as a prophet?

We need to name
and call forth this
central gift for the
life of the church.

**It is training for
persecution,
not praise –
but come anyway!**

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**Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2, 2006
Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM**

**Sr. Joan Chittister
& Fr. Richard Rohr**

Space is limited – register early!

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Joan Chittister, OSB & Richard Rohr, OFM

Although the Jewish prophets were the authoritative teachers of Israel and St. Paul lists the prophet as the second most important role in the church, they are largely unknown and almost always undesired. The role itself is ignored in Jesus, even though he claims it.

How could this happen?

Could this be the missing link that explains much of the impotence of modern religion? Is recovering the prophetic role a key to church and cultural renewal? Sr. Joan Chittister and Fr. Richard Rohr will use this conference to **unpack the power, the promise, and the possibility** of the prophetic vocation today.

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“God does nothing without telling prophets about it.
When the lion roars, who is not awakened?
When God speaks, the prophet cannot keep from listening.”

Amos 3:7-8



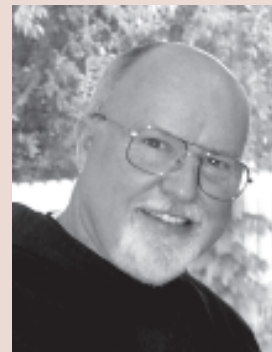
The other roles for building up the church (Ephesians 4:11) are sought after and admired: bishops want to be apostles, theologians want to be teachers, ministers want to be healers, and priests want to be pastors, but everyone humbly says, “Oh, I am not a prophet!”

About the presenters . . .



Sr. Joan Chittister, a Benedictine Sister of Erie, Pennsylvania, is a best-selling author and a well-known national and international lecturer. She is founder and executive director of Benetvision: A Resource and Research Center for Contemporary Spirituality.

Sister Joan has been recognized by universities and national organizations for her work for justice, peace, and equality for women in Church and society. She is an active member of the International Peace Council.



Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan of the New Mexico province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation. Fr. Richard's gift is articulating to our minds what we already know in our hearts. He considers the proclamation of the Gospel to be his primary call and uses many different platforms to communicate that message.

His most recent recording is *Politics and Spirituality: Seeking a Public Integrity* (to be released April 1, 2006).

Conference Schedule

Friday, June 30, 2006

- 10:00 Registration
- 3:00 Opening Prayer Service/Welcome
- 3:30 Session I – Overviews from Chittister & Rohr
- 5:00 Dinner (on your own)
- 7:00 Session II & Response (Chittister)
- 8:40 Closing Prayer Service

Saturday, July 1, 2006

- 8:30 Contemplative Sit (optional)
- 9:00 Breaking Open the Word (optional)

9:30 Morning Meditation / Theater Piece

We want to start our days with something meditative that can draw us to prayer and deeper conversion. We are very blessed to have two short theater pieces on Dorothy Day and Oscar Romero, by two different artists and actors. They will serve as our opening events on Saturday and Sunday and will also offer us a different medium to stir our prophetic imaginations.

- 10:05 Session III (Rohr) w/break
- 11:30 Response & Dialogue Time (Rohr / Chittister)
- 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 2:30 Session IV & Response (Chittister) w/break

4:00 Marketplace of Prophetic Possibilities

This afternoon we will have a segment of time in which you can move between a number of different groups/projects that are acting in very concrete and prophetic ways in our own area of New Mexico. Here you can talk on a practical and pastoral level in a smaller setting.

- 6:00 Dinner (on your own)

8:00 Liturgy of Lamentation

We are re-discovering a traditional style of prayer that is helpful for our times, and for people involved in the work of peace and justice. It might even be called “pre-prayer” and is found in almost one third of the Psalms and in music like the Black Spirituals. It is liturgy of lamentation, worshipful weeping, prayer of complaint that only demands to be heard, and is willing to wait without resolution. How else can we pray in this time? We would like to model it here, so you can take it back to your home communities.

Sunday, July 2, 2006

- 8:30 Contemplative Sit (optional)
- 9:00 Morning Meditation / Theater Piece
- 9:35 Concluding Remarks
- 10:30 Closing Liturgy (will conclude before noon)

Venue & Accommodations

Excellent rates available at the

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque

\$90 per night
(single/double/triple/quad)
(800) 233-1234 or (505) 842-1234

Call the hotel directly **before June 12, 2006**, and ask for the special **Prophets Then, Prophets Now** Conference rate. Because there are only a limited number of rooms blocked for this event, please call as soon as possible to guarantee your space. Alternate accommodation options are available and will be provided in your confirmation packet, or check the CAC website:

www.cacradicalgrace.org

Conference Cost

Includes all sessions, fees, and one meal. Fees must be paid in full with registration.

Before May 1, 2006 - \$150

After May 1, 2006 - \$175

International Rate - \$100

Group Rate - 10 or more - \$125

(available until May 1, 2006)

(Obtain Group Kit instructions and applications at www.cacradicalgrace.org or call the CAC)

Student Rate - \$95

(available until May 1, 2006)

(must be registered at least half-time)

Ways to register:

Mail form below to the CAC

Online at www.cacradicalgrace.org

Fax form to (505) 242-9518

Conference Cancellation Policy — The CAC does not refund any payments. All requests for cancellation must be submitted in writing to be considered. Please email your request to info@cacradicalgrace.org or send to CAC, Attn: Cancellations, PO Box 12464, Albuquerque, NM 87195-2464. Your entire registration fee is transferable to another participant for the same event, if you notify us at least 15 days prior to the program and provide complete registration information for your substitute. If you cancel at least 15 days prior to the program, you will have a transferable balance (your program fee less a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit), which can be used towards another CAC-sponsored program within two years, or towards merchandise from the CAC's Resource Center. If you cancel within 14 days of the program, you will have a transferable balance (50% of your program fee less a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit), which can be used as previously stated.

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- International Registration - \$100
- Student - \$95 (before May 1 only)
for student rate, include name of school/institution*:

Special Needs: hearing mobility sight

Scholarship Assistance

I would like to contribute to a general fund for person(s) who would otherwise not be able to attend. **Amount:** _____

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Check or money order (payable to CAC) Visa MasterCard

Name and address on registration form must match billing address of credit card. If different, please check here and write on back of form. Exp. date (mo/yr) _____ Amt. charged \$ _____

*must be registered at least half-time

I prefer a vegetarian meal option.

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