

Suggestions for How to Use this Packet

1. Hold a monthly prayer, vespers or communion service celebrating each woman's feast day. Include an educational component about the woman's life either in the reflection or separately. Ask a woman to preach.
2. Reprint essay information about each woman in your parish bulletin. Include the artwork.
3. Begin a study of these Women Witnesses in your parish religious education programs, small faith communities, adult ed or spirituality groups.
4. On or near a particular woman's feast day, write a letter to the editor or an op ed article about her leadership for your local newspaper. Use the occasion to call for inclusive leadership in the Catholic Church.
5. Send for the **Women in Church Leadership** packet (if you don't have one already) and use the woman's feast day to advocate in behalf of woman leaders in the Catholic Church. Over 82% of all lay ministers in the Church are women yet they have little or no access to decision making.
6. Celebrate the feast of St. Mary of Magdala on July 22nd and join hundreds of communities all over the world who are doing the same.
7. Use packet resources for special projects in junior or senior high school religion classes.
8. Take the flyer *Scripture Readings that Subordinate Women...Make Sure They Don't Happen in Your Parish* to your pastor and parish liturgy committee. Substitute approved alternatives.
9. Use the *With Him All Along the Way: The Women on the Journey* Good Friday prayer service to recognize and celebrate Jesus' women disciples. (You'll find it inserted in the *Women in the Lectionary* brochure).
10. Take the *Lay Preaching: A Hearing Aid* brochure to your pastor and parish liturgy committee. Ask them to establish a group of lay preachers for your parish.
11. Use the *Lydia's House* write up as a guide to establish a small faith community for women, men or both.

**Let us know which of the above suggestions work the best for you!
Return the enclosed feedback form or email info@futurechurch.org**

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