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Marian Ronan, PhD, to Speak to VOTF

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"In the Shadow of the Cross: From Vatican II to the Global Church" will be the topic of a talk by Marian Ronan, PhD, Research Professor of Catholic Studies in the Center for World Christianity at New York Theological Seminary, NY, NY. The talk will take place at the next Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport meeting, Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk.

Former president of the Women's Ordination Conference Board of Directors, Marian Ronan has been active in efforts to renew the church since the early 1970s. In the 1980s she co-authored three books on feminist theology and spirituality, including *Wisdom's Feast: Sophia in Study and Celebration*. Her Ph.D. in Religion was awarded by Temple University in Philadelphia.

In her recent book, *Tracing the Sign of the Cross: Sexuality, Mourning, and the Future of American Catholicism* (Columbia University Press, 2009), Marian reflects on the enormous losses suffered by post-immigrant American Catholics since Vatican II, and on how the path toward a more productive American Catholic future involves working through those losses. Her talk on September 10 will be drawn from those reflections.

All are welcome. For directions visit the VOTF Bridgeport website, www.votfbpt.org.