

MISSION SERIES 2005-2006
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Mary Ellen McGuire, M. Div.*
Director of Campus Ministry, Rivier College

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 @ 4:00 PM

Dr. John Carroll

Professor of Environmental Conservation
University of New Hampshire

Topic: *The Catholic Call to Environmental Responsibility*

Dr. Carroll has edited numerous books about environmentalism and spirituality. His talk emphasized that of all the world religions, Catholicism has been the leader in environmental concerns since the Middle Ages. We should continue to nurture that stewardship to make a mark on the world going forward.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005 @ 12:00 PM

Dr. Francine Cardman

Associate Professor of Historical Theology and Church History
Weston Jesuit School of Theology

Topic: *The Role of the Laity from the Early Church through Vatican II*

Dr. Cardman has been a professor at Weston Jesuit since 1979. Her Ph.D. is from Yale University, and her areas of expertise include early church history, feminist theology and ecumenism. Her talk invited a view of “standing the church on its head” to illustrate that historically the laity has been the gravitational pull of the Church, not clerics.

Tuesday, January 31, 2006 @ 12:15 PM (*Heritage Day Luncheon*)

Dr. Tracy Schier

Associate Director of the Boston College Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education

Topic: *Our Heritage: New Adventures in Catholic Higher Education*

Dr. Schier specializes in trends in Catholic higher education and women’s colleges. She spoke on Heritage Day and challenged the Rivier College community with 11 points that should be embraced as consistent with our Catholic identity and mission, including the importance of encouraging “adult conversations” around areas of ethics and theology.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006 @ 2:00 PM

Dr. Paul Lakeland

Professor of Religious Studies

Fairfield University

Topic: *Opportunities for the Laity in the Current Church*

Dr. Lakeland is a systematic theologian who has spent his entire teaching career at Fairfield University, and in recent years he has focused on the historical role of the laity in the Catholic Church. His talk spoke of a decline of a Catholic sub-culture since Vatican II, the important new role of lay ecclesial ministers in Church institutions, and the challenge/duty to foster justice and the charism of our founding order at the College.

Thursday, April 20, 2006 @ 3:00 PM

Br. Mark Hilton, S.C.

President, Bishop Guertin

Topic: *Transitioning to Lay Leadership at Catholic Institutions*

Br. Mark Hilton, s.c. is the President of Bishop Guertin High School and he was giving the final Mission Series address. Br. Mark's dissertation topic was about the transfer of charism at religious institutions, including corporate and personal components. His talk addressed the following, all relevant for us at Rivier as a college founded by the Sisters:

- Sharing the charism
- Difference between charism and mission
- What flows once we understand the charism.

He is an expert in the field, and we were fortunate to have him here in Nashua.

* **MARY ELLEN McGUIRE**, M. Div., Director of Rivier College Campus Ministry, joined the campus ministry in the summer of 2004. After many years in the financial services industry, she switched careers to pursue graduate studies in theology and ministry because she loves "talking to people about God." Most recently, she served as a campus minister at UMass-Amherst. In her free time, Mary Ellen likes to read, cook, bake, and play volleyball. She lives in Haverhill, MA with her husband, John.