

Father Anne Calls Pope Francis to Have Audience With Women Called to Priesthood Following Release of BBC Documentary

ALBUQUERQUE, NM, UNITED STATES, December 1, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Father Anne](#), a noted advocate for women's ordination, calls Pope Francis to meet with women called to priesthood, following the release of the BBC documentary [The Women Fighting to be Priests](#) on December 3. While Pope Francis recently reiterated the doctrine of a male-only priesthood in an interview with America Magazine, Father Anne observes that he has not yet held an audience with women called to priesthood. "If Pope Francis is to honor the integrity of the Synod on Synodality that he himself has launched, then he must set the example and be willing to hear and pray with the stories of women called to be priests," says Father Anne. "This is what it means to be a listening Church that allows the Holy Spirit to teach."

When asked why women's ordination matters, Father Anne explains, "The Roman Catholic Church is one of the most powerful institutions in the world. It is the largest nongovernmental provider of education and healthcare, it is one of the largest landowners, and it has permanent status as an observer state in the United Nations. Whether you are Catholic or not, you are affected by the exclusion of women from priesthood. It is in the interest of the entire world that the Roman Catholic Church model equality with women."

Father Anne challenges Church doctrine by boldly claiming the symbolic power of the traditional male priesthood. She wears the Roman collar, practices celibacy, uses the Roman Missal for her Masses, and has chosen the title Father. The sole difference between Father Anne and any male priest is that she has a female body. "I unmask the untruth that the male form alone is proper to ordination," she says.



Father Anne was ordained on October 16, 2021 through the Roman Catholic Woman Priest movement.

To raise awareness about this issue, Father Anne recently completed a short tour of colleges, including Villanova University, Loyola Marymount University, and College of Wooster. She hopes to tour extensively next year under #FatherAnneInTheVan.

Father Anne believes the pathway for transformation is present. "In addition to millions of lay people, there are thousands of vowed religious and ordained who believe that women should be ordained as priests, yet they remain silent," explains Father Anne. "If they come forward with public statements during the synodal process, this would undeniably force the world's bishops to confront with the troubling lack of integrity that underpins a male-only priesthood."

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