

Women and the Word

A Preaching Initiative Dedicated to the Memory of Carmelite Sister Mary Lavin

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of Women and the Word is ***to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for the preaching of the Sunday Lectionary from a woman's perspective.*** This initiative is dedicated to the memory of Carmelite Sister Mary Lavin under the sponsorship of Sabbath Retreats.

A series of weekly preaching on the readings for the following Sunday will be offered by women of faith in the context of a Celebration of the Word which will include a guided reflection and sharing.

The celebrations take place on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. alternately on the Cleveland's West Side and Cleveland's East Side. Dates and locations for the current series are posted on the Sabbath Retreats website. (www.sabbathretreats.org)

WHAT WOMEN OF THE WORD IS:

- An opportunity to be exposed to a unique perspective of the lived experience as a vehicle for interpreting the Word of God.
- A preparation of mind and heart for the proclamation of the Word at the following Sunday's Eucharist.

WHAT WOMEN AND THE WORD IS NOT:

- A substitute for the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist.
- A statement about any current ecclesial discipline.

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Sister Mary Lavin (1929-2016) was an inspiration to her Carmelite community and to all who knew her and treasured both her contemplative spirit rooted in the Sacred Scriptures as well as her powerful witness of the challenges of the Second Vatican Council in the life of the Church. Her life was a homily.