

**April 3 Women of the New World/ Steffens**

Read *Women and Christianity*, Vol. III, Chapters 4-6

1. Why do new women's communities attract so many members? What about the New World attracts them?
2. How do Angela Merici, Mary Ward, and Jane Frances de Chantal claim authority and exercise creativity in their ministries?
3. What is the influence of Marguerite Bourgeoys, Jeanne le Ber, Margarite d'Youville?
4. How does the Catholic Reformation in France influence the Church in the New World?
5. How do the Ursalines in Quebec affect Kateri Tekakwitha?

**Research Option:** *Spirited Lives*, Carol Coburn, Martha Smith, especially early chapters. This is the story of the Sisters of St Joseph with authors using feminist method.

**April 10 Reimagining Ministry/Spirituality Today: What Can We Learn from Each Other? Power of Ritual, Sherry Jordan, St. Thomas University**

Read *Women & Christianity*, Volume III Chapters 7, 8, 9

**Chapter 8: The Feminist Challenge**

- 1) This chapter describes several women who have been very important in the history of Christianity. Who do you find most intriguing and why?
- 2) Which arguments do you think are most persuasive in the debate over the ordination of women?

**Chapter 9: Seeking a Spirituality for Women**

- 3) Which aspects of feminist spirituality do you find most challenging and why? Which aspects do you find most helpful and why?

**April 17 The Call to Reformation Today Dirk Lang, Luther Seminary**

Read *Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue: From Conflict to Communion*

**April 24 An Inclusive Global Ethic & Vision of Christian Community/Lund**

Read *Women & Christianity*, Volume III Chapter 10.

**Creative Projects**