

Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, Papers 1969-2015, undated

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See Also: Anne Carr Papers, which includes a speech written by Anne Patrick about theologian Anne Carr, in recognition of her receiving the Ann O'Hara Groff Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America. The speech and award presentation took place on June 7, 2007.

Biographical History

Anne Estelle Patrick was born April 5, 1941 in Washington, DC and received her early education from the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) in Silver Spring, Maryland. She joined that community in Rome, New York in 1958 and had the religious name Sister M. Susan Margaret. During 1960-1973 she taught music, English, and religion at Holy Names academies in Tampa, Albany (NY), and Silver Spring. Sister Anne participated as an elected delegate in post-Vatican II chapters of her congregation, served as founding president of the Washington, DC Council of Women Religious (1970-1973), and completed degrees in English (BA, Medaille College, 1969 and MA, University of Maryland, 1972).

During 1973-1975, Sister Anne chaired the Committee on Women in Church and Society of the National Assembly of Women Religious, representing an umbrella group of U.S. women religious, Sisters Uniting, at the 1975 International Women's Year Tribune in Mexico City, and assisting in early planning for the 1975 Women's Ordination Conference in Detroit. Articles on justice for women were first published in 1972, and she continued this writing during graduate studies at the

University of Chicago Divinity School, where she completed degrees in Divinity (AM, 1976) and Religion and Literature (PhD, 1982) and served as Lecturer during 1978-1980.

In 1980, Sister Anne joined the faculty of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, chairing the Department of Religion during 1986-1991 and 2000-2003, and retiring as William H. Laird Professor of Religion and the Liberal Arts in 2009. She also held visiting professorships at the University of Tulsa (1989) and St. John's University (NY, 1996-1997).

From 1983 to 1985, Sister Anne helped lead the Moral Theology Seminar of the Catholic Theological Society of America. She was elected to the society's board in 1985 and to presidential office in 1987. As President-Elect, Sister Anne planned the 1989 convention on "Providence and Responsibility: The Divine and Human in History," and she served as the third woman President of CTSA in 1989-1990.

Sister Anne represented CTSA at founding meetings of the International Network of Societies for Catholic Theology, of which she was Vice President during 1996-2002. In 2009 she received the Ann O'Hara Graff Award from the CTSA Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, and in 2013 the CTSA's highest honor, the John Courtney Murray Award for "outstanding and distinguished achievement in Theology."

Sister Anne has also been elected to the board of the Society of Christian Ethics and served as an editor for the Religious Book Club, and as an editorial consultant for various journals and publishers. She has published many articles and book chapters on religious, ethical, and literary topics, and is the author of several monographs:

Liberating Conscience: Feminist Explorations in Catholic Moral Theology (1996), *Women, Conscience, and the Creative Process* (2009), and *Conscience and Calling: Ethical Reflections on Catholic Women's Church Vocations* (2013). A selection of her essays was published in a volume called *On Being Unfinished* in 2018.

Sister Anne passed away on July 21, 2016 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Scope and Content

The papers of Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, PhD, span the years 1969-2015, and have been divided into three series, consisting of Patrick's doctoral dissertation, master's thesis, publications in numerous periodicals and monographs, and a copies of her monographs *Liberating Conscience*, *Women Conscience*, and *the Creative Process*, and *Conscience and Calling*. Documents from various conferences, seminars, and events at multiple educational institutions are also included.

Series 1: Academic, 1972-1982, Boxes 1 and 3

Contains an unbound copy of Dr. Patrick's 1982 doctoral dissertation, "H. Richard Niebuhr's 'Ethics of Responsibility': A Resource for Literary Criticism" and her 1972 master's thesis, "Eschatological Perspective in the Major Novels of Graham Greene."

Series 2: Professional, 1969-2009, undated, Boxes 2-3

Composed of published articles, book reviews, monograph chapters, and Patrick's three monographs, *Liberating Conscience*; *Women, Conscience, and the Creative Process*; and

Conscience and Calling. There are also awards received by Patrick, as well as materials for seminars, workshops, and conferences attended by Patrick.

Subseries 2.1: General, 1978-2009, Box 2

Includes correspondence, awards, and a small amount of information about Patrick from excerpts in publications and programs by Carleton College and the Divinity School of University of Chicago is also included.

Subseries 2.2: Activities, 1969-2009, Box 2

Includes material from various conferences, seminars, and workshops Dr. Patrick either attended or contributed to. Items include administrative documents, such as notes, minutes, and correspondence, as well as lectures and summaries.

Subseries 2.3: Publications, 1974-2015, undated, Boxes 2-3

Contains published materials written by or in reference to Dr. Patrick. The vast majority of the items are either monographs, chapters from monographs, journal articles, or book reviews (two of which are reviews of a group of publications). The contents are all paper, with much of the material discussing women, feminism, theology, ethics, and literature.

Series 3: Audiovisual, 1978-2009, undated, Box 4

Contains two audiocassettes of presentations by Dr. Patrick, two computer disks with files on *Liberating Conscience*, and a DVD of Dr. Patrick’s Honors Convocation Speech given at Carleton College. Also included is a VHS tape (and DVD copy) of testimony given by women for a committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1985, on “The Role of Women in Church and Society,” featuring brief presentations by Patrick and her 16-year-old niece Jane Varner, on women and church structures.

Subjects

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Feminist Theology

Theology

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<i>Anne E. Patrick, SNJM, Papers, 1969-2015, undated</i>	
		Series 1: Academic, 1982	
1	1	University of Chicago Doctoral Dissertation (copy): “H. Richard Niebuhr’s ‘Ethics of Responsibility’: A Resource for Literary Criticism”	1982
3	9	University of Maryland M.A. English Thesis (original): “Eschatological Perspective in the Major Novels of Graham Greene”	1972
		Series 2: Professional, 1969-2009, undated	
		Subseries 2.1: General, 1978-2009	

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2	1	Awards (presented to Dr. Patrick under her religious name, Sister M. Susan Margaret)	undated
2	2	Correspondence: Brother Michael Grace, SJ, concerning Richard A. McCormick, SJ	2000
2	3	Correspondence: Article, <i>Annual</i> (Society of Christian Ethics)	1987-1988
2	4	Carleton College: Course Information - Women and Religion	circa 1984
2	5	Carleton College: Employee Recognition Celebration	2009
2	6	Carleton College: “On Being Unfinished (De Imperfectione)”, Honors Convocation Address	2009
2	7	Carleton College: Retirement Celebration	2009
2	8	Divinity School of University of Chicago	1978
Subseries 2.2: Activities, 1969-2009			
2	9	SNJM Apostolic Life Commission Workshop: “Apostolate: Crisis and Co-responsibility”	1969
2	10	Conferences: European Society of Women in Theological Research- 9 th International Conference – “At the End of Liberation? Liberation at the End! Feminist Theory, Feminist Theology and the Political Implications”	2001
2	11	Conferences: Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)- 64 th Annual Convention – Award given: Ann O’Hara Graff Award; texts of speeches honoring Patrick by Susan Ross of Loyola University Chicago, M. Shawn Copeland of Boston College, and Mary Ann Hinsdale of Boston College	2009
2	12	Conferences: CTSA- Proceedings and Photograph	1987-1995, 2002-2006
2	13	Conferences: Inaugural Conference of the Jesuit Institute of Boston College – “On Not Running the Territorial Metaphor into the Ground: Toward a New Paradigm for Interdisciplinary Studies”	1990
2	14	Conferences: Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) – “Conscience and Community” workshop materials and presentations on the issue of abortion and related public policy	1984
2	15	Conferences: Marquette University Conference – “Mass Media and the Enlargement of Moral Sensibility”	1988
2	16	Conferences: Seattle University Annual Symposia – “Authority, Women, and the Church: Reconsidering the Relationship”	1987-1989
2	17	Public Hearings: “Role of Women in Church and Society” – explanatory note, Sr. Anne Patrick’s testimony (“Sexist Language and Symbolism: Unjust and Idolatrous”), flyers, publicity for event	1985, 2015

2	18	Seminars: Cross Cultural Studies - "Some Jewish and Christian Responses to Environmental Issues," Nagasaki University, Japan	2001
2	19	Lecture: Warren Lecture Series in Catholic Studies – "Conscience and Community: Catholic Moral Theology Today"	1989
		Subseries 2.3: Publications, 1974-2015, undated	
2	20	Monograph: <i>Conscience and Calling: Ethical Reflections on Catholic Women's Church Vocations</i> , paperback	2013
2	21	Monograph: <i>Liberating Conscience: Feminist Explorations in Catholic Moral Theology</i> , hardback	1996
2	22	Monograph Chapter: "The Ambiguity of Power", <i>Walking in Two Worlds: Women's Spiritual Paths</i>	1992
2	23	Monograph Chapter: "Conscience and Solidarity with Victims", <i>Conscience: Readings in Moral Theology No. 14</i>	2004
2	24	Monograph Chapter: "David Henry Hwang's <i>Golden Child</i> and the Ambiguities of Christian (and Post-Christian) Missions", <i>Literature, Religion, and East/ West Comparison</i>	2005
2	25	Monograph Chapter: "Feminist Ethics in the New Millennium: The Dream of a Common Moral Language", <i>Ethical Dilemmas in the New Millennium</i>	2000
2	26	Monograph Chapter: "Framework for Love: Toward a Renewed Understanding of Christian Vocation", <i>A Just and True Love: Feminism at the Frontiers of Theological Ethics</i>	2007
2	27	Monograph: <i>Women, Conscience and the Creative Process</i>	2011
3	1	Monograph Chapter: "From Hearing to Collaboration: Steps for the Privileged toward a Praxis of Solidarity", <i>Women and Theology</i>	1995
3	2	Monograph Chapter: "George Eliot's Final Experiment: Power and Responsibility in <i>Daniel Deronda</i> ", <i>Morphologies of Faith: Essays in Religion and Culture in Honor of Nathan A. Scott, Jr.</i> [Scott]	1990
3	3	Monograph Chapter: "'His Dogs More Than Us': Virtue in Situations of Conflict Between Women Religious and Their Ecclesiastical Employers", <i>Practice What You Preach: Virtue, Ethics, and Power in the Lives of Pastoral Ministers and Their Congregations</i>	1999
3	4	Monograph Chapter: "Markers, Barriers, and Frontiers: Theology in the Borderlands", <i>Theology: Expanding the Borders</i>	1998
3	5	Monograph Chapter: "Mass Media and the Enlargement of Moral Sensibility: Insights from Theology and Literary History", <i>Mass Media and the Moral Imagination</i>	1984
3	6	Monograph Chapter: "Power and Responsibility: Changing Paradigms of Virtue", <i>Jesuit Education and the Cultivation of Virtue</i>	1990

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3	7	Monograph Chapter: "Toward Renewing 'The Life and Culture of Fallen Man': 'Gaudium et Spes' as Catalyst for Catholic Feminist Theology", <i>Questions of Special Urgency: The Church in the Modern World Two Decades after Vatican II</i>	1986
3	8	Monograph Chapter: "Worship in the Spirit: A Renewed Vision of Liturgy and Spirituality", <i>What's Left: Liberal American Catholics</i> (co-authored with Bernard J. Cooke and Diana L. Hayes)	1999
4	1	Periodicals: Book Review, "Critics Christmas Choices", Multiple Publications, <i>Commonweal</i>	1986
4	2	Periodicals: Book Review of <i>Arguing about Sex: The Rhetoric of Christian Sexual Morality</i> , written by Joseph Monti, <i>Journal of Religion</i>	1997
4	3	Periodicals: Book Review of <i>Personal Commitments: Beginning, Keeping, Changing</i> , written by Margaret A. Farley, <i>Horizons</i>	1988
4	4	Periodicals: Book Review of <i>Walking in Virtue: Moral Decisions and Spiritual Growth in Daily Life</i> , written by John W. Crossin, <i>Horizons</i>	2000
4	5	Periodicals: Book Review, "Publications of the Park Ridge Center for Health, Faith, and Ethics", Multiple Publications, <i>Religious Studies Review</i>	1993
4	6	Periodicals: "Coming of Age: Women's Contribution to Contemporary Theology", <i>New Catholic World</i>	1985
4	7	Periodicals: "Creative Fiction and Theological Ethics: The Contributions of James M. Gustafson", <i>The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics</i>	1997
4	8	Periodicals: "Ethics and Spirituality: The Social Justice Connection", <i>The Way</i> (supplement)	1988
4	9	Periodicals: "Ethics for Church Professionals?", <i>New Catholic World</i>	1983
4	10	Periodicals: "The Ethics of Spirituality: A Feminist Proposal", <i>Commonweal</i> (submission)	2002
4	11	Periodicals: "Ethik und Politik der Spiritualitat", <i>Diakonia</i> , Austrian Publication	2002
4	12	Encyclopedia: "Feminist Theology", <i>New Catholic Encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, Volume 5</i>	2003
4	13	Periodicals: "Forum: American Spirituality", <i>Journal of Religion and American Culture</i>	1999
4	14	Periodicals: "Jesus and the Moral Life", <i>Explore</i>	2007
4	15	Periodicals: "Imaginative Literature and the Renewal of Moral Theology", <i>New Theology Review</i>	1998
4	16	Periodicals: "Liberating Conscience", <i>Carleton Voice</i>	1996-1997
4	17	Periodicals: "Narrative and the Social Dynamics of Virtue", <i>Concilium: International Review of Theology</i> , English and	1987

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		Foreign Language Publications (French, Italian, Spanish, German, Dutch), reprints	
4	18	Periodicals: “Power and Powerlessness: Opening the Book of Judith”, <i>Carleton Voice</i>	1988
4	19	Periodicals: “Rosamond Rescued: George Eliot’s Critique of Sexism in <i>Middlemarch</i> ”, <i>Journal of Religion</i>	1987
4	20	Periodicals: “Sexism, Sin, & Grace: Responses to the Bishops’ Letter”, <i>Commonweal</i>	1988
4	21	Periodicals: “Sexual Harassment: A Christian Ethical Response”, <i>The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics</i>	1999
4	22	Periodicals: “Theological Writing as an Art of Ministry”, <i>Sisters Today</i>	2000
4	23	Periodicals: “Veritatis Splendor”, <i>Commonweal</i>	1993
4	24	Periodicals: “With a Different Ear? Women and Moral Responsibility”, <i>Women of Spirit 2: Making Ethical Decisions in Today’s World</i>	1998
4	25	Periodicals: “What, Never?’ Well, <i>Hardly Ever...</i> ’ a report on surveys of women’s involvement in the Church”, <i>Liturgy</i>	1975
4	26	Periodicals: “Women and Church: Reconsidering the Relationship”, <i>Miriam’s Song III</i>	1989
4	27	Periodicals: “Women”, <i>Liturgy</i> (monthly column)	1974-1977, 1979
4	28	Periodical: “Women in the Church in the Age of Francis” <i>A Matter of Spirit</i>	2015
4	29	Publications referring to Dr. Anne E. Patrick SNJM	1998
		Series 3: Audiovisual, 1978-2009	
5	1	“Celibate Reverence,” Rev. Frank J. McNulty and Sr. Anne E. Patrick, SNJM [audiocassette]	1978
5	2	“Is God on the Side of the Poor?” Jose Miranda and Anne Patrick [audiocassette]	1984
5	3	Information files for <i>Liberating Conscience</i> [3.5” floppy disk 1]	undated
5	4	Information files for <i>Liberating Conscience</i> , [3.5” floppy disk 2]	undated
5	5	Honors Convocation, Carleton College [DVD]	2009
5	6	Public Hearings Summary: “Testimony for U.S. Bishops: The Role of Women in Church and Society” [VHS tape]	1985
5	7	Public Hearings Summary: “Testimony for U.S. Bishops: The Role of Women in Church and Society” [DVD]	1985