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Appendix A

Interview Subjects and Primary Sources

RCWP ordinations and liturgies, along with interviews, created the experiential foundations for my ethnographic methods. I started my ethnographic research in earnest in 2009, after receiving IRB approval through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ordination services attended

Minneapolis, Minnesota (August 16, 2009)
Rochester, New York (May 1, 2010)
Baltimore, Maryland (June 4, 2011)
Falls Church, Virginia (June 22, 2013)

Liturgies attended

Therese of Divine Peace (several liturgies, including a baptism), St. Louis, Missouri
Hildegard Community of the Living Spirit, Festus, Missouri
St. Praxedis Catholic Community, New York, New York
Spiritus Christi (RCWP-led Mass), Rochester, New York
Living Water Community, Baltimore, Maryland
Church of the Beatitudes, Santa Barbara, California
Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, San Diego, California

I started my ethnographic work before ARCWP branched off from RCWP-USA. As a result, the majority of Masses I attended were RCWP (or RCWP-USA), and not ARCWP, with the exception of the Falls Church, Virginia, ordination in 2013.

I conducted all of my research while living in North Carolina, and for most of that time, I was a graduate student. Not until 2013 did the Tar Heel State see its first womanpriest—who even then lived two hours away from my home in Durham. Logistical and financial challenges precluded me from weeks- or months-long immersions into a particular RCWP community or communities. Thankfully, other scholars were starting to do academic, ethnographic work at the local level, and two theses—one a master’s thesis focused on the Sophia Inclusive Catholic Community in Sussex County, New Jersey, and the other an undergraduate thesis examining Therese of Divine Peace in
St. Louis—provided me with narrative data on several worshippers within these two RCWP communities, and thus proved a valuable supplement to my own interviews.1

In conducting interviews, I went out of my way to make the experience as convenient as possible for my subjects. Many preferred to write their responses to my questions, saying this gave them time to reflect and complete the interview over several days. In the following list, I indicate whether the interview subjects were ordained with RCWP at the time I spoke with them. I do not distinguish RCWP-USA from ARCWP affiliation here.

Interviews

Rose Marie Hudson, RCWP, July 9, 2009 (in person)
Elsie Hainz McGrath, RCWP, July 9, 2009 (in person)
Marybeth McBryan, RCWP, July 17, 2009, and February 19, 2014 (telephone)
Patricia Hughes Baumer, August 17, 2009 (in person)
Mary Kay Kusner, RCWP, September, 17, 2009 (email and telephone)
Gabriella Velardi Ward, RCWP, January 9, 2010 (telephone)
Dorothy Irvin (archaeologist), March 17, 2010 (in person)
Laura Singer, (then president of Women’s Ordination Conference), November 17, 2010 (telephone)
Jane Via, RCWP, November 22, 2010 (telephone)
Dana Reynolds, RCWP, December 14, 2010 (telephone)
Eileen DiFranco, RCWP, January 4, 13, and 18, 2011 (email and telephone)
Chava Redonnet, RCWP, January 6, 2011 (telephone)
Joan Houk, RCWP, January 8, 2011 (telephone)
Mary Ann Schoettly, RCWP, January 8 and 9, 2011 (email and telephone)
Ida Raming, RCWP, January 9, 2011 (email)
Theresa Novak Chabot, RCWP, January 20, 2011 (telephone)
Janice Sevre-Duszynska, RCWP, January 23, 2011 (telephone)
Marie David, RCWP, February 11, 2011 (telephone)
Gloria Carpeneto, RCWP, February 16, 2011 (telephone)
Mary Frances Smith, RCWP, March 4, 2011 (email)
Monique Venne, RCWP, March 27, 2011 (email)
Roberta Mecham, RCWP, April 10 and 14, 2011 (telephone)
Michele Birch-Conery, RCWP, April 19, 2011 (telephone)
Monica Kilburn-Smith, RCWP, April 20, 2011 (telephone)
Marie Bouclin, RCWP, April 26 and 27, 2011 (email)
Rachel Wood, May 10, 2011 (telephone)
Andrea Johnson, RCWP, May 11, 2011 (telephone)
Morag Liebert, RCWP, May 20, 2011 (email)
Suzanne Thiel, RCWP, May 25, 2011 (telephone)
Alta Jacko, RCWP, May 28, 2011 (email)
I met womenpriests and other women’s ordination activists in other contexts as well and enjoyed important discussions with them, but I do not include these as formal interviews. As examples, I am grateful for the chance to talk informally with Marian Ronan (Catholicism scholar and RCWP critic) at a conference, and I took a workshop on “Theater as Pedagogy” led by womanpriest Victoria Rue at the 2011 American Academy of Religion conference in San Francisco. I also presented on a panel with womanpriest Eileen DiFranco at the 2017 Berkshire Conference and enjoyed conversation with her afterward.

**Pink Smoke over the Vatican**

Filmmaker Jules Hart started work on the documentary *Pink Smoke over the Vatican* in 2005, just as RCWP appeared in North America. She interviewed more than thirty-five individuals, including RCWP bishops, priests, and deacons; spouses and partners of ordained women; authors and activists committed to church reform; participants at RCWP Masses; and ordained men critical of RCWP. She filmed ordination ceremonies at Gananoque in 2005 (the first North American ordination), Pittsburgh in 2006 (the first US ordination), and Santa Barbara in 2007. She filmed liturgies at Rochester’s Spiritus Christi church, the 2005 WOW conference in Ottawa, and various others in Northern California. She conducted formal interviews and shot informal footage in people’s homes. I marvel with awe and gratitude at Hart’s generosity in sharing this nonarchived footage with me.

Her interviews proved invaluable: not only did she begin her research years before I had even heard of the RCWP movement, but she was able to get interviews with European womenpriests who rarely travel to the US and only reluctantly grant interviews (in part because of language barriers). She also talked to ordained men critical of RCWP, whereas I—conducting interviews five or more years later—had no luck getting clergy to talk frankly about the movement.

*Pink Smoke over the Vatican* is unapologetically a work of advocacy that champions RCWP’s actions and reviles the Catholic hierarchy for centuries of misogyny. Hart never intended otherwise. It is worth stating, then, that her interview questions are not my interview questions. What Hart wanted and needed from her subjects is not identical to what I would have pursued through ethnography and fieldwork. As a result, I have used the *Pink Smoke* footage with awareness of how the documentary genre could alter the subject’s storytelling.
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Interviews from Pink Smoke over the Vatican

2005

Angela Benavoglia
Patricia Fresen, RCWP
Jeanne Gallo
Rea Howarth
Dorothy Irvin
Joanna Manning
Christine Mayr-Lumetzberger, RCWP
Michael Mayr
Charles Nicolosi
Regina Nicolosi, RCWP
Mary Rammerman
Dana Reynolds, RCWP
Christine Schenk
Janice Sevre-Duszynska, RCWP
Jane Via, RCWP

2006

Dagmar Braun Celeste, RCWP
Don A. Cordeo
Juanita Cordero, RCWP
Patricia Fresen, RCWP
Anna Kolhede, San Jose State University student
Kathleen Strack Kunster, RCWP
Fr. Ron Lengwin, spokesperson for Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh
Jean Marchant, RCWP
Scarlette McKenzie, San Jose State University student
Kathryn Poethig
Dana Reynolds, RCWP
Father Jose Rubio, San Jose State University campus ministry chaplain
Victoria Rue, RCWP
Janice Sevre-Duszynska, RCWP

2007

Patricia Fresen, RCWP
Kathleen Strack Kunster, RCWP

2009

Roy Bourgeois
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Events in Pink Smoke over the Vatican

2005

Spiritus Christi Mass (July 21, 2005)
Women’s Ordination Worldwide worship service
Preordination events, St. Lawrence Seaway (July 25, 2005)
Ordination, St. Lawrence Seaway (July 25, 2005)
Mass, Victoria Rue’s house church (September 25, 2005)
Mentor meeting (April 10, 2005)

2006

Pittsburgh ordination press conference (July 30, 2006)
Ordination, Pittsburgh (July 31, 2006)
Mass, San Jose State University (April 23, 2006)
Mass, San Jose State University (May 7, 2006)
Mass, San Jose State University (May 21, 2006)
Mass, Don and Juanita Cordero’s house church (August 11, 2006)
Dinner after Cordero house church Mass (August 11, 2006)

2007

Ordination, Santa Barbara (July 21, 2007)
Blessing oils (August 2, 2007)

2014 Electronic Surveys

In the summer of 2014, I created two online surveys through Survey Monkey, one for womenpriests and one for RCWP’s community members. For the womenpriests survey, I received responses from thirty-five ordained RCWP members, including thirty-four women and one man. The respondents primarily lived in the United States, but some were in Canada and one in English-speaking Europe. For the RCWP communities survey, I received thirty responses. The online surveys aimed to capture the voices of womenpriests whom I would not have the opportunity to meet as well as to allow me to hear again from women I had previously interviewed in order to see what, if anything, had changed in their priesthoods. Talking to congregants had always been secondary to my research—behind talking with the womenpriests themselves—but grew increasingly significant as I sought to understand womenpriests’ ministries and theological significance within their worship communities.
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2014 Survey Respondents

Beverly Bingle
Mary Bergan Blanchard
Ruth Broeski
Mary Grace Crowley-Koch
Diane Dougherty
Christine Fahrenbach
Ann Harrington
Jim Lauder
Morag Liebert
Rita Lucey
Rosa Manriquez
Victoria Marie
Maureen McGill
Elsie McGrath
Bridget Mary Meehan
Debra Meyers
Ann Penick
Josie Petermeier
Victoria Rue
Wanda Russell
Irene Senn
Dorothy Shugrue
Rosemary Smead
Monica Kilburn Smith
Mary Theresa Streck
Toni Tortorilla
Gabriella Velardi Ward

Seven respondents answered some or all of the questions but did not include their names. One respondent is a catacomb priest, and I will not use her name.

Websites

Several websites helped shape my understanding of the many reform movements and ministries in contemporary Catholicism. While not all sites were/are meticulously maintained and updated, all offer a glimpse into the wider world of Catholic reform today—a world of which RCWP is a part.

Association of Roman Catholic Women Priests (www.arcwp.org)
Call to Action (www.cta-usa.org)
Catholic Network for Women’s Equality (www.cnwe.org/)
A Church for our Daughters (http://achurchforourdaughters.org/)
CORPUS (www.corpus.org)
DignityUSA (www.dignityusa.org/)
Ecumenical Catholic Communion (www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org/index.html)
Federation of Christian Ministries (www.federationofchristianministries.org)
Future Church (www.futurechurch.org)
Global Ministries University (www.globalministriesuniversity.org)
Intentional Eucharistic Communities (www.intentionaleucharisticcommunities.org)
Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community (www.mmacc.org)
Roman Catholic Womenpriests (www.romancatholicwomenpriests.org)
Römisch-katholischen Priesterinnen (www.priesterinnen.net)
Southeastern Pennsylvania Women’s Ordination Conference (www.sepawoc.org)
Spiritus Christi (www.spirituschristi.org)
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org)
Voice of the Faithful (www.votf.org)
We Are Church (www.we-are-church.org)
Women Priests for the Catholic Church (www.womenpriests.org)
Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (www.his.com/~mhunt)
Women’s Ordination Conference (http://womensordination.org)
Women’s Ordination Worldwide (www.womensordinationworldwide.org)