

***THE CALL OF THE HEART: REFLECTIONS ON WOMEN
OF FAITH COURAGE AND VISION***

May 27-28, 2025

TUESDAY MAY 27, 2025

REGIS COLLEGE, 100 Wellesley St. West, Toronto

3:00 pm: SOLARIUM

Reception for contributing authors, benefactors and invited guests.

4:00 pm: CHAPEL

Moderator: Elizabeth Smyth

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome: Gordon Rixon S.J., President of Regis College

Opening Remarks - Background Bertha Yetman introduced by Kate Merriman

SESSION ONE: BREAKING FRONTIERS

Moderator: Elizabeth Smyth

- i. Introduction to Ellen Dobrowolski by Noah MacDonald
- ii. Keynote: Ellen Dobrowolski, Honouring All of our Relations: Relationality in the Study of Indigenous Religious Traditions.
Q&A
- iii. Moderator: Elizabeth Smyth
Panel:
Ellen Dobrowolski, The Religion and Relations of Métis Missionary Sister
Marguerite-Marie, SGM, née Sara Riel.
Deirdre Greene Lono, Sr Elizabeth Bonia, SMSC: “The Girl With The Firm I Will” .
Bertha Yetman, You are Mine: Sr. Margie Conroy, RSCJ in Kenya-Uganda
Q&A

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SESSION TWO: CHAPEL

9:00 am: SILENT ENCOUNTER

Moderator: Sr. Sheila Sullivan CND

Panel: John Meehan, SJ, Cloud of Light: Sister Elaine MacInnes, OLM, Zen and the Art of Prison Ministry
Mary Jo McDonald, Lucinda M. Vardey: Retrieving the Feminine
Q & A

10:00 am: EDUCATION JUSTICE AND CHARITY

Moderator: Rosemary Boissonneau

Panel:

- i. Domenico Pietropaolo: Sr. Estelle Nolan, IBVM: Teaching Spiritual Fulfillment Through Dante
Sister Mary Olivette, PBVM: A Presence and a Sign
Anne Walsh, The Life and Impact of Sister Kathrine Bellamy, RSM: A Choral Work in Three Movements
Mary Rose D'Angelo, Unresting Transformation: Ellen Margaret Leonard, CSJ
Q&A

10: 45am

- ii. Moderator: Rosemary Boissonneau
Panel:
Helena van Nooten with Mary Jo Leddy, Janet Somerville: A Life Lived at the Intersection of Faith and Social Justice
Jean Mahoney: Witness to the Love of God.
Q&A

12:00 BREAK

1:00 PM: SESSION FOUR: CHAPEL

CLOSING ADDRESS

Moderator: Michael W. Higgins

Introduction to Elizabeth Davis, RSM by Evanne Hunter, IBVM
Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Women and Synodality: Women Cry Out For Justice".
Q&A

Panel:

Elizabeth Davis, RSM, Gill Goulding, CJ and Christine Way Skinner
Q&A

