

**Donna Quinn, O.P., Papers,**  
**1975-2000, n.d.**

**Creator:** Quinn, Donna (1937 - )

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**See Also:** Chicago Catholic Women Records and Women-Church Convergence Records.

**Biographical Information**

These records reflect the activities of Donna Quinn, O.P. primarily in her guidance of the Chicago Catholic Women (CCW) from its founding in 1974 to its dissolution in the year 2000. Donna defines the goal of this organization as “working to promote the full giftedness and personhood of women and a world of justice for all.” She recognizes discrimination - Gender discrimination - as the root of the injustice and inequality, which enslaves women worldwide.

Born on July 26, 1937 she was the middle child of Catherine and William Quinn. A resident of the south side of Chicago, she attended Visitation High School, conducted by the religious order of Sinsinawa Dominicans. In 1955, following graduation, she entered this Order, pronouncing her final vows in 1960. It was in this same year that she received her B.A. degree from Edgewood College, in Madison, Wisconsin, having majored in Education and History. She continued her formal education earning a Master’s degree in History from the University of Illinois, at Champaign in 1970, adding second M.A. degree in Administration from the University of Wisconsin in 1974.

In the early years of her religious life, she was engaged in teaching math, history and religion as well as serving as an administrator in various elementary and secondary Catholic Schools in the Midwest. Around 1975, she enriched her educational offerings by earning a “CPE” Certificate (Clinical Pastoral Education) at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s. This led to her joining the faculty of Moraine Valley College where she taught Pastoral Care to those entering the medical profession

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As a woman, an avowed feminist, and probably because she was a member of the Dominican Order of Religious, it seems only natural that she found herself in a position to recognize and challenge the inferior position assigned to Women by the Roman Catholic Church. Her resume traces her involvement not only with the Church but also with the many diverse groups organized to improve the status of women - from adolescent to senior - from pregnant teens to the homeless sheltered.

In 1974, she founded and served as the Director of Chicago Catholic Women until its dissolution in 2000. CCW mailings through the years disclose concern for the ordination of women as a primary focus. This concretized in the founding of the Women's Ordination Conference in 1976. In 1983, she was instrumental in founding Women's Church Convergence - a Coalition of 30 national groups. Her resume lists several other groups that she was influential in organizing. Among the causes she espoused: Racial Equality, Reproductive Choice, Equal Rights, Lesbian and Gay Rights, different Faith traditions.

As a Founder, Board member, Organizer, Speaker, World Traveler, Sr. Donna Quinn has been a crusader for the "full giftedness and personhood of woman" both in Church and State for decades.

### **Scope and Content**

#### **Series 1: General Resource Materials, 1975-2000, n.d. Boxes 1-8**

These materials include general materials about the efforts of Chicago Catholic Women. They have been arranged alphabetically reflecting the manner in which Donna Quinn arranged them. The issues included here are CCW papers, papers relating to other women religious organizations such as National Catholic Association of Nuns (NCAN), Women's Ordination Conference (WOC), and Women Church Convergence (WCC), Liturgy papers, Reproductive Issues, the Papal Visit, and gay and lesbian issues.

#### **Series 2: News Media, 1975-1999, n.d. Boxes 9-10**

This series contains both scrapbooks and periodicals. The scrapbooks, located in Boxes 9a and 9b, contain news clippings of issues relevant to women and prominent Chicago Catholic Women causes. Box 10 contains periodicals reflecting issues relevant to women.

#### **Series 3: Chicago Catholic Women Mailings, 1975-2000, n.d. Box 11**

This series primarily contains mailings to the membership of CCW. These mailings include for example information on fundraising, CCW activities, campaigns for ordination, education programs, developing networks with women and other groups, advocacy for women victimized by discrimination and injustices both in the Church and in society.

#### **Series 4: Chicago Catholic Women Newsletters, 1975-1989 Box 12**

This series contains CCW Newsletter between 1975 and 1989. Newsletters record for example CCW activities and interests, announcements, calendar of events, and summaries of membership activities meetings.

#### **Series 5: Awards, 1985-1987 Box 12**

This series contains Awards presented to CCW as well as Awards presented by CCW (i.e. Women of the Year Award).

**Series 6: CCW Activities Scrapbooks and Guest Book, 1994 -1999 Box 13**

This series contains 6 scrapbooks and 1 CCW guest book reflecting a record of organizational activities and issues.

**Series 7: Audio/Visual Media, 1977-1997, n.d. Boxes 14-16**

This series contains both audiocassettes and videocassettes. The audiocassettes contain recordings of sessions at conferences as well recordings of individuals and events not necessarily occurring at a conference. They have been noted separately on the finding aid; the conference tapes are arranged chronologically and the individual event tapes are arranged alphabetically. The videocassettes record events such as Donna Quinn's news appearance, Cardinal Bernardin's funeral, CCW luncheons, CCW protests, and the Papal Visit.

**Series 8: Books, 1975-1999 Box 17**

This series contains books collected by Donna Quinn. The books don't have an overall theme but include such topics relating to women in the church, sexism, marginalizing women, saving the Catholic Church, and sexism.

**Series 9: Oversized Materials, 1979-1992 Box 18**

This material includes copies of Papal homilies and newspaper clippings.

**Series 10: Memorabilia, 1985, n.d. Boxes 19-20 plus 4 wall hangings**

This series contains memorabilia reflecting activities of Donna Quinn and CCW. There are materials such as bumper stickers, buttons, nametags, and wall hangings

**Subjects:**

Blue Ribbon Campaign  
Chicago Catholic Women  
National Coalition of American Nuns (NCAN)  
Ordination of Women  
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice  
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice  
Reproductive Freedom  
Ruether, Rosemary Radford  
Women Church Convergence (WCC)  
Women of Faith  
Women's Ordination Conference (WOC)  
Women's Place Resource Center  
Working Women's Welfare Center

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	
<b>Series 1: General Resource Materials, 1975-2000, n.d.</b>			
1	1	Archdiocese of Chicago – 1 of 3	1988-1999
	2	Archdiocese of Chicago – 2 of 3	1993
	3	Archdiocese of Chicago – 3 of 3	1976, n.d.
	4	Article by Rosemary Radford Ruether	n.d.
	5	Bishop	1996-1997
	6	Brochures – CCW	n.d.
	7	Blue Ribbon Campaign Material	n.d.
	8	Cardinal Petition	n.d.
	9	Catholic Church Personnel Report	1984
	10	Catholics for Free Choice Materials	1997
	11	Channel 5 - Carol Marin Resigning	1997
	12	Christmas Luncheon Materials	1996
	13	Christmas Luncheon Materials	1997
2	1	Christmas Luncheon Materials	1998
	2	Christmas Luncheon Materials	1999
	3	CCW Media Press Releases	1977-1983, n.d.
	4	CCW Meditation Booklet	n.d.
	5	CCW Sponsored Programs	1978-1983, n.d.
	6	CCW Speakers Programs	1975
	7	Correspondence with Chancery Office	1978
	8	Covenant Document between Episcopalian and Roman Catholic Church	1986
	9	Donation Form – 20 yr. Celebration/CCW	1994
	10	Fund Raising Materials	1978-1985
	11	Funding	n.d.
3	1	Gay/Lesbian Rights	1986, n.d.
	2	Gay/Lesbian Rights Questionnaire	n.d.
	3	Gay Lesbian Outreach Information for H.S. Students and Counselors	n.d.
	4	Leadership Conference of Religious Women	1975
	5	Letters Received	1994 – 2000
	6	Liturgy	1987 – 1999
	7	Liturgy	n.d.
	8	Marjorie Tuite Symposium	1996
	9	Mother's Day Rally Material	n.d.
4	1	NCAN Materials	1977-1999
	2	NCAN Newsletters	1983-1997

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	3	National Catholic Reporter	1994
	4	New York Supreme Court: Abortion; Citizens for Free Choice	1992
5	1	Ordination of Women Materials – 1 of 4	n.d.
	2	Ordination of Women Materials – 2 of 4	n.d.
	3	Ordination of Women Materials – 3 of 4	n.d.
	4	Ordination of Women Materials – 4 of 4	n.d.
	5	Other Organizations– Literature and Flyers	n.d.
	6	Preaching	1980-1981, n.d.
	7	Papal Visit – 1 of 3	1979
	8	Papal Visit - 2 of 3 (Copies of Homilies)	1979
	9	Papal Visit – 3 of 3	1979
6	1	Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – 1 of 3	n.d.
	2	Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – 2 of 3	n.d.
	3	Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – 3 of 3	n.d.
	4	Search – Woman Cardinal	n.d.
	5	Speeches by Donna Quinn	1979-1991, n.d.
	6	St. Martin de Porres – House of Hope Shelter	n.d.
	7	School of the Americas	n.d.
	8	Vicariates	1977
	9	Video Documentary Proposal	1996
7	1	Waterwheel Newsletter	1994-1999
	2	Women of Faith Materials	1986-1987
	3	Women Ordination Conference Materials	
	4	Women Ordination Conference Materials regarding Papal Visit	1987
	5	Women’s Ordination Conference	1972-1995, n.d.
	6	Women’s Pastoral Education Fund	n.d.
	7	Women’s Place Resource Center	1997
	8	Working Women’s Welfare Center	n.d.
8	1	WCC Meeting Materials for Pentecost	1988
	2	WCC Liturgy Meeting Banner	1988
	3	Women Church Convergence Media	n.d.
	4	WCC Sourcebook	1993
	5	WCC General	1998-2000
	6	WCC History – written by Rosemary Ruether	1996
	7	Women Church Convergence – 1 of 4	n.d.
	8	Women Church Convergence – 2 of 4	n.d.
	9	Women Church Convergence – 3 of 4	n.d.
	10	Women Church Convergence – 4 of 4	n.d.

**Series 2: News Media, 1975-1999**

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9a	1	Scrapbook – Print Media Clippings	1994 – 1998
9b	2	Scrapbook – Print Media Clippings	1999
10	1	<i>Haymarket, NCAN, and Newsweek</i>	1984-1986
	2	<i>Newsweek and Time</i>	1979
	3	<i>People</i>	1982
	4	<i>Time and MS</i>	1983
	5	<i>Newsweek and People</i>	1982-1984
	6	<i>Time and Newsweek</i>	1985
	7	<i>In These Times, Newsweek, and Exchange</i>	1975-1991
	8	<i>US Catholic</i>	1987

**Series 3: CCW Mailings, 1975-2000, n.d.**

11	1	Mailings	1975-1988
	2	Mailings	1989-1990
	3	Mailings	1991-1993
	4	Mailings	1994-1996
	5	Mailings	1997-2000
	6	Mailings	n.d.
	7	Miscellaneous Mailing Items	n.d.

**Series 4: CCW Newsletters, 1975-1989**

12	1	CCW Newsletters	1975 –1984
	2	CCW Newsletters	1985 –1989

**Series 5: Awards, 1985-1987**

	3	CCW Women of the Year Award	1985
	4	Coordinating Board Award	1985
	5	Chicago Call to Action	1987

**Series 6: Activities Scrapbooks, 1994-2000**

13	1	Scrapbook	1994
	2	Scrapbook	1995
	3	Scrapbook	1996
	4	Scrapbook	1997
	5	Scrapbook	1998
	6	Scrapbook	1999
13	7	Guest Book	1994 – 2000

**Series 7: Audiovisual Materials, 1977-1997**

14		PREACHING AND THE NON-ORDAINED	
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*Collins, Mary, OSB: Sacramental Dimensions of Preaching* 1982  
*Hill, William, O.P.; Toward a Theology of Preaching -*  
*Open Forum: Preaching and the Non-Ordained; Panel*  
*Members: Preaching and the Non-Ordained\_Provost, James,*  
*JCD: Canon Law and Teaching (Preaching?); Schillebeeckx,*  
*Edward M. O.P.:The Right of a Christian Community to a*  
*Preacher; Schneiders, Sandra, IHM: A Biblical Foundation for*  
*Preaching*

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

*Chittister, S. Joan -Sexism in the Church; Collins, S. Mary -* n.d.  
*The Refusal of Women in Clerical Circles; Provost, Rev.*  
*James - Human and Legal Rights of Women in Church;*  
*Weaver, Dr. Mary Jo: A Summary of Feminist Theological*  
*Developments - (2)*

2ND CONFERENCE ORDINATION OF WOMEN

*Chains That Bind, Chains That Bond, To Comfort or to* n.d.  
*Challenge, Women in Priesthood*

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

*Women of Faith Conference - Theological Challenges* 1986  
*Women of Faith Conference - Where Do We Go From Here?*  
*Women of Faith Conference - Societal Challenges*

WOMAN CHURCH SPEAKS

*Sharing Our Stories -1A - 82A* n.d.  
*Sharing Our Stories -1B- 82A*  
*Connections of Oppressive Systems - 2A - 82A*  
*Connections of Oppressive Systems - 2B - 82B*  
*Continuing to Create Woman Church - 3A - 82A*  
*Continuing To Create Woman Church - 3B - 82A*

WOMEN CHURCH IN CHICAGO

*Woman Church in Chicago (3)* 1987

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WOMEN'S ORDINATION CONFERENCE

*Starting and Nurturing Local Discipleships of Equal Communities; Feminist Media and Values in a Discipleship of Equals* 1995

UNTITLED CONFERENCE

*People of Courage Awards Banquet; The Ethics of Resistance: A Case Study of the Vatican 24* 1986  
*Non-Theocentric Feminist Ethics and Reproductive Health; In Search of Children: Abortion Ethics and The Development of Communitarian Values; A New Look at the Seamless Garment*

(Audio) Recordings of Individuals/Events

*Let's Talk: Women Church: Its Struggle and its Vision* 1986  
 Schoef, A.W. *Touching Our Common Ground* (3) 1977  
 Lemon Awards - Christian Women (2) 1980  
 NCAN (4) 1986  
 Fiorenza, Elizabeth Schussler – Women's Interseminary Conference 1986  
 Ashe, Kaye n.d.  
 Brennan, S. Margaret n.d.  
 Brooks, Dolores n.d.  
 Cahill, Monica n.d.  
 CCW Ordination Panel 1978  
 Chittester, S. Joan: *Sexist Language*  
 Daniels, Janet - *Women and Sexuality* I and II n.d.  
 Day I - Backup n.d.  
 Day 1 - Backup - Teresita Weind  
 Doerr, Pat n.d.  
 Dulles, Avery, Bishop Dearden  
 Dulles, Avery - Pt. 3 n.d.  
*Education and Women Minorities.*  
 Fiedler, Maureen - Equal Rights Amendment 1977-1978, n.d.  
 Fiorenza, Elizabeth - StuhlmueLLer, Carroll  
 Fuller, Georgia  
 Harrison, Beverly 1986  
 Hunt, Mary 1986  
 Jose, Sister with S. Marie Augusta n.d.  
 Kane, S. Theresa 1982  
 Kissling, Fran 1986  
 Leonard, Joan 1986

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Maguire, Marjorie	1986
McCarthy, Abigail, Burke, Mary, Carroll, S Elizabeth	1984
McGuire, Marge	1984
McSloy, S. Evangeline	1979
Quinn, S. Donna	1982
Reinhardt, Rosalie Muschal	1986
Riley, Marie	n.d.
Ruether, Rosemary	n.d.
Stenzil, Eileen	n.d.
Weind, S. Teresita, SND	n.d.
Stefanic, Mary Louise	n.d.
Touching Power Within - Relaxation and Sleep	1985
Blood Pressure	1981

(Video Cassettes)

15	A Woman as Cardinal - CBS - Ch.2	n.d.
	Cardinal Bernardin 's Funeral Procession - WGN - Ch. 9	1997
	Cardinal Bernardin: Mass and Funeral Procession	1997
	Cardinal Bernardin - Mass and Funeral Procession	1997
	Cardinal Bernardin - Mass and Funeral Procession	1997
	Donna Quinn - WGN News	1996
	Dr. Mary E. Hunt: Mary Ann Naas - Censored and Silenced	1997
	NOW vs. Scheidler re: Clinic Violence - Ch.2; NOW wins	1998
	Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act - Donna Quinn statement	
	Nuns - Part II (2)	1984
	Succession of Popes, Cardinals	1984
	Untitled- FOX	1996
	Vatican Protest by NCAN	1994
	Woman Cardinal of Chicago	n.d.
	Women Church Speaks	1983
	Women's Ordination, <i>The Hidden Tradition</i>	1992
16	AIDS Ministry	1994
	An Open Hearing: Women in the Roman Catholic Church	1985
	CCW Mother's Day	1991
	CCW Luncheon	1991
	Chicago Catholic Women: Statement on Pope's Declaration	1994
	Chicago Tonight	n.d.
	Common Ground	1992
	Mary E. Hunt	1994
	MacNeil/Lehrer	n.d.
	"Theological Pornography: The End of an Era"	1992
	Mother's Day	1987
	Mother's Day	1988

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Netherlands Schijndel	1990
Phil Donohue Show (with Donna Quinn)	1990
Deborah Barrett (Lawyer)	1982
Rome	n.d.
Rosemary Ruether Lecture	n.d.
Feminist Spirituality and Culture	n.d.
Sexism in the Church	n.d.
60 Minutes	n.d.
60 Minutes	1985
Someone You Should Know	1995
The Sonya Show	1994
Theresa Kane	1992
West 57 <sup>th</sup> St.	n.d.
Women: Invisible Workers	n.d.
Women Church Speaks	1986
Zusterschap	1983, 1990

**Series 8: Books, 1975-1999**

17	<i>A Woman on Paper - Georgia O'Keeffe</i> Anita Pollitzer	1988
	<i>Are You Old Enough to Read This Book?</i> Ed: Deborah Deford	1988
	<i>Beyond Patching</i> Sandra Schnieders	1991
	<i>Dancing in the Margins</i> Kathy Coffey	1999
	<i>Dangerous Memories</i> Renny Golden, et.al.	1991
	<i>Hispanic Women</i> Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz	1988
	<i>How to Save the Catholic Church</i> Andrew Greeley and Mary Greeley Durkin	1984
	<i>Irish Toasts</i>	1987
	<i>Megatrends for Women</i> Patricia Aburdene and John Naisbitt	1992
	<i>More than Words</i> Janet Scahran and Pat Kozak	1986
	<i>Nobody Owns Me</i> Francis B. Rothluebber	1994
	<i>Sexism is a Sin</i> JR Hyland	1995
	<i>Sisters</i> Julia Lieblich	1992
	<i>Assertive Women</i> Stanlee Phelps and Nnacy Austin	1975
	<i>The Book of Women's Firsts</i> Read Witlieb	1992
	<i>This Bridge Called My Back</i>	1981
	<i>Women Church Change</i>	1975
	<i>Women Eucharist</i>	1997

**Series 9: Oversize Materials, 1979-1992**

18	1	Pope's Homilies	1979
	2	The Newday Magazine	1988
	3	The Chicago Tribune	1992
	4	The Sunday Sun-Times	1983

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**Series 10: Memorabilia, 1985, n.d.**

19	1	Fabric Piece Celebrating “UN Decade for Women Conference” – Nairobi Kenya	1985
	2	Bumper Stickers	n.d.
	3	CCW Meditation Beads and Brochures	n.d.
	4	Small Book with CCW Ribbons and Name Tags	n.d.
20	1	Box of Buttons	n.d.