

RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH CATHOLIC SISTERS

May 29, 2012 – 11:30 – 1:30

Program

- **Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Linda Donaldson
- **Gathering Song:** Here I Am, Lord
- **Testimonial:** Karen O'Brien
- **Words of Wisdom:** Acknowledgement and Gratitude by Honora Precourt
- **Song:** They'll Know We are Christians
- **Testimonial:** Joan Conway
- **Words of Wisdom: Letter from Protestant Women to Catholic Sisters:** Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench
- **Song:** Stand Firm (led by Susan Pearson)
- **Testimonial:** Kate Kelley
- **Solo:** Let Nothing Trouble You (sung by Susan Pearson)
- **Sending Forth the Spirit and Song:** If you Believe and I Believe
- **Closing Prayer:** God's Spirit – LCWR Prayer
- **Procession to Vatican Embassy*:** Start around 12:30

* The Vatican embassy is located at the corner of 34th and Massachusetts Avenue, about a 15-minute walk. We will process up Mass. Ave. singing the song "We are marching in the light of God." Marshals will guide the procession in where to stand. Around 1:00 or 1:05, a delegation of 4 people will knock on the door of the embassy to deliver the letter. As they do this, the rest of us will remain standing outside the Vatican and will sing "Here I Am, Lord." Then we will sing "They Will Know We Are Christians." By this time, the delivery should be complete. If they do not answer the door, we will repeat the refrain of "Someone is Knocking at your Door" and say "oh, Bishop why won't you answer, someone is knocking at your door." We'll do this for at least 15 minutes.

The last song we will sing is "If You Believe and I Believe and We Together Pray." We will repeat this for 5 rousing rounds. Then we will begin to disband and return to our cars or back to the rally site for those who signed up to help clean-up. Note: our permit does not allow us to block the sidewalk, either while walking or while standing.

Here I Am, Lord

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New American Liturgy Resources
Written by Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars and night
I will make the darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone
Fill their hearts with love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.
I will hold your people in my heart...

If you Believe and I Believe
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Written by John Bell

If you believe and I believe
And we together pray,
The Holy Spirit must come down
And set God's people free,
And set God's people free,
And set God's people free;
The Holy Spirit must come down
And set God's people free.

They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We Are Marching in the Light of God

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We are marching in the light of God...
We are marching, marching, we are marching, ooh, We are
marching in the light of God (repeat)

We are singing in light of God...
We are praying in the light of God...
We are living in the light of God...
We are moving in the light of God...