

Reflection Monday Easter Week 2023

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, women play a vital role in maintaining the Davidic line. Mary gave birth to Jesus and nurtured him. It is the women who first meet the risen Lord and pass on the good news to the apostles and disciples. It raises the question why women do not have a much more prominent role in the life of the Church??

In the Council of Vatican II, early 60s, Archbishop Hallinan, supported by others, recommended that:

In liturgical functions women should be permitted to act as lectors and acolytes at Mass;

Women after proper study and formation should be allowed to serve as deaconesses by preaching and in providing those sacraments which deacons do, especially Baptism and the distribution of Holy Communion;

Women also should be encouraged to become teachers and consultants in theology when they have attained competence in the field;

Women should be included in whatever organization is established for the post-conciliar implementation of the lay apostolate;

Women Religious should be fully represented and consulted, at least in all matters concerning their interests, in the Congregation of Religious and in the commission revising canon law.

The closing words of Vatican II regarding women seemed promising:

The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling.

One wonders what influence will the Risen Lord have on the approaching Synod of the Laity and the role of Women in the Church??

Why should you never tell an Easter Egg a joke? Because it might crack up!

What do you call mischievous Easter eggs? Practical yolkers!