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## WOMEN IN DIGNITY WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

This Special Focus Issue of Dignity/USA's national newsletter zeroes in on the topic of Women in Dignity/Women in the Church.

In compiling the issue, we asked a number of people inside and outside the organization to address where they feel women are

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WOMEN OF DIGNITY/WASHINGTON gather in front of banner of women's symbols, at a celebration held in response to the '89 Convention call to hold local observances celebrating women's gifts and ministry. (LR) Donna D., Beverly R., Deb T., Mary Kilbride, Suzanne Keating, Kathleen Blank and Sharon Heasley.

women's call to a priestly ministry and other affirming women's gifts; Judy Carton reflects on women's leadership and involvement in Dignity from a personal perspective, and various women from across the country reflect on what the organization can do to encourage women's participation within Dignity. Also, from the Dignity Perspective is my own article on the past and current work of the national Committee for Women's Concerns.

Other contributors include Mary E. Hunt and Diann Neu, co-directors from WATER (Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual); Ruth McDonough Fitzpatrick, national coordinator of the Women's Ordination Conference; Karen Doherty of the Conference of Catholic Lesbians; and Margaret Conway and Mary Jean Collins of Catholics For A Free Choice. ♦

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and Beth Gorman, who have made women's issues one of the five "front burner" issues of Dignity/USA; Chris Connors and Mari Castellanos look at