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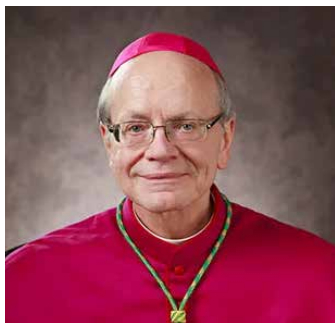
# Catholic Women's Conference

## SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2023

**LOCATION:** The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)  
**REGISTRATION:** 8:00am **TIME:** 9:00am - 4:00pm  
For more information call **(416) 907 -1042**



Keynote Speaker Sr. Deirdre Byrne  
Surgeon, Soldier, Sister, Servant  
is flying in from Washington DC



*Get Inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission!*

Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Sister Deirdre Byrne – *The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady*

Dr. Josephine Lombardi – *Healing and Forgiveness*

Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik – *Journeying with Mother Mary*

Dorothy Pilarski – *Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group*



*Opening Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun, CSB at 9:00 am*

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$65 (before Feb. 14) Register at [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com)**



Light Lunch • Free Parking • Door Prizes!

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We were recently notified about a change in Cardinal Collins' schedule. He will not be able to join us on March 25. We have arranged to have to *Most Revered Robert Kasun, CSB, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto* to celebrate our opening Mass at the Old Mill. In his homily Bishop Kasun will share a reflection on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. For his detail bio and more information about Bishop Kasun visit [archtoronto.org](http://archtoronto.org)

## SISTER DEIRDRE BYRNE

*(affectionately known as Sister Dede) | The Heroes of my Life Led me to Our Lady*

Sr. Deirdre Byrne is a missionary sister and superior of her community in Washington, DC. She is double board-certified in family medicine and general surgery. A native of the Washington, D.C., area, she is one of eight siblings. She graduated from Virginia Tech. After college, Sister Dede entered medical school at Georgetown University, where she completed a surgical residency. She also joined the Army. Sister Deirdre was led to the *Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts* community whose charism places each and every person between the Heart of Jesus and Mary. Her apostolate has been performing overseas medical missionary surgery and providing free medical care for the poor. Dr. Byrne made her commitment to the Little Workers and began her novitiate training in earnest. Sister Dede retired with the rank of Colonel from the United States Army after 29 years of service. She served alongside "brave soldiers" in Afghanistan. She has found it easy to integrate her medical and military service into her religious vocation. Right now she is the superior of the D.C. Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts House. The sisters run a pro-bono physical therapy clinic and diabetic eye clinic, retirement home for her elderly sisters as well as pro-life ministry including the Abortion Pill Reversal. Sister Dede's other service includes hands-on ministry in the rubble of the twin towers following the terrorist attack on 9-11, caring for the sick during the earthquake in Haiti in 2011 and annual medical missions to Haiti.

## DR. JOSEPHINE LOMBARDI | Forgiveness and Healing

Dr. Lombardi has worked as parish minister, university campus minister, high school chaplaincy leader, educator through OECTA, professor of Religious Education, Brock University, retreat facilitator, faith formation consultant, coordinator in the Diocese of Hamilton. Presently, she is the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, the Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology, Professor of Field Education, and Director of Lay Formation for St. Augustine's Seminary. She has done media work in radio and television and has been advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in the area of doctrine and Catholic-Muslim relations. Her books *On Earth as it is in Heaven* and *Experts in Humanity* have been featured on Salt and Light TV. Dr. Lombardi is also the Series Theologian for the New Religious Education curriculum for Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ for Catholic School Boards. Dr. Lombardi is also a member of the [CatholicMomsGroup.com](http://CatholicMomsGroup.com) Advisory Committee. For more information about Dr. Lombardi visit [josephinelombardi.com](http://josephinelombardi.com)

## KASIA RYBA, SANDRA WOJCIK, DIANA FILIPIAK

*| Journeying with Mary as a Woman, Wife, Mother and Friend*

This dynamic trio is the driving force behind an online community called Catholic Women's Group. Forging a friendship rooted in the love of Our Blessed Mother has made an impact on their 35,000 followers. **Kasia Ryba**, who started the online community, is a Catholic wife and mother of two young children. She left her career in 2019 to dedicate herself to her vocation of motherhood. Kasia has been a guest on *Midday Moms*. She has also attended the *Catholic Moms Group* in Milton. Visit her online Etsy store *Little Olive Prints Co.* **Sandra Wojcik** is a Catholic wife and mom of a little girl. Her faith journey took off after she attended her first Youth Teams of Our Lady (YTOL) retreat in high school. After finishing studies and working in Kinesiology and Massage Therapy, Sandra went back to school and graduated with her Masters of Theological Studies from St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. **Diana Filipiak** is a Catholic wife and mother to a baby boy. She started ministry work after attending a YTOL high school retreat, eventually becoming the National Responsible of Canada. Diana is a speech therapist for a school board. She joined the CWG team in 2016 and is a blogger, team leader and Online Projects Coordinator.

## DOROTHY PILARSKI | Why minister to moms? – How to Start a Catholic Moms Group

Dorothy is the founder of both the *Dynamic Women of Faith* conference and *CatholicMomsGroup.com*. Her team at CMG has helped start Catholic Moms Groups not only in the Archdiocese of Toronto, but the dioceses of Peterborough, Hamilton and Calgary. Groups have also been started in the North Pole, Colorado, California, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Iowa and internationally in Wales. Dorothy is the host (on YouTube and Spotify) of *Midday Moms*. You might remember Dorothy from the Catholic Register, Salt + Light TV series or her stint as radio host on Radio Maria. For more information about Dorothy visit [www.dorothypilarski.com](http://www.dorothypilarski.com)

You can register in 2 ways. 1) Register online. 2) Mail your registration (name, address and cheque payable to Dynamic Women Association of Ontario to DWF Conference, 1077 North Service Rd. Unit 29 BOX 20020, Mississauga, ON L4Y 4L2.

The EARLY BIRD FEE is \$65 + HST = \$73.45 + (online Eventbrite fees) before Feb. 14, 2023. Tickets purchased AFTER February 14 will cost the REGULAR REGISTRATION FEE, which is \$75 + HST = \$84.75 + (online Eventbrite fees).

Speakers may change if one becomes unavailable. Registrations can be transferred but not refunded. For more information about the conference visit [www.dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://www.dynamicwomenfaith.com) QUESTIONS? Call (416) - 907-1042

