

Archdiocese Women's Committee (AWC)

HOT TOPICS

Inspiring Pastoral Outreach

Join the AWC for one of three Zoom discussions on pastoral approaches to persons in unchangeable positions that put them in conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church (for example, Catholics who are divorced and re-married without an annulment, who identify as LGBTQIA+, are in inter-religious marriages, whose marriages were not blessed by the Church, etc.).

Our goal is to hear the voices of 200 or more women. Discussion will address the following:

- Do the Church's current practices towards persons in these situations attract people to or drive them away from the Catholic Church?
- What are some pastoral approaches that you have seen, or would like to see, toward persons who are in these situations? In what ways could we encourage them and help them feel comfortable coming to church?
- Do you or do people you know feel injured or harbor resentment when exceptions are made for people in these situations?

If you have not already read the Declaration by Pope Francis titled *Fiducia Supplicans*, you can read it here to inform the portion of our discussion about LGBTQIA+ persons: bit.ly/fiducia-supplicans.

Advance registration is necessary in order to receive the Zoom link for participation. To register please click on your desired session below.

Saturday, February 24 | 9 – 10:30 a.m. | bit.ly/HOTTPC20240224

Wednesday, March 6 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/HOTTPC20260306

Monday, March 11 | 7 – 8:30 p.m. | bit.ly/HOTTPC20230311

The Archdiocese Women's Committee is an adjunct committee of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. It serves as an advisory committee that works directly with Cardinal Cupich.

