



## CRISPINA AND HER SISTERS Women and Authority in Early Christianity

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# Crispina and Her Sisters: Women and Authority in Early Christianity

## A presentation by Sister Christine Schenk CSJ

Sunday, February 17, 2019

3:00- 4:30 p.m.

Sister of St. Joseph Christine Schenk's award-winning book, *Crispina and Her Sisters* (Fortress Press) explores visual imagery found on burial artifacts of prominent early Christian women. It carefully situates the tomb art within the cultural context of customary Roman commemorations of the dead and provides an in-depth review of women's history in the first four centuries of Christianity. From this, a fascinating picture emerges of women's authority in the early church, a picture either not available or recognized, or sadly distorted in the written history.

Sr. Chris's presentation features power point images and will include a book-signing.

Chris Schenk has worked as a nurse midwife to low-income families, a community organizer, a writer-researcher, and the founding director of an international church reform organization, FutureChurch. Currently she writes an award-winning column "Simply Spirit" for the National Catholic Reporter.

Join us for this inspiring afternoon as we explore scripture and its message for us today.

Sponsored by the Benedictine Oblates this event is FREE and OPEN to the public.

St. Scholastica Monastery, 7430 N. Ridge Blvd, Chicago. Near public transportation. Free parking.

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