

Armagh Archdiocese

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The Church, Women, and Authority: Why Not?

Speakers: Baroness Nuala O'Loan and Gerry O'Hanlon, S.J

Where:

Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry, Co Down, BT34 1RH

When:

Saturday **17 October 2015** from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

How many women exercise authority in each Diocese? How many are in charge of parishes, or retreat houses, or schools? How many chair commissions?

In the wider Church, how many are in positions of power, or chair Vatican departments?

In other walks of life gender discrimination would not be tolerated. Is there such discrimination in the Church? Yes: women are excluded from ordination. But what about discrimination in areas for which ordination is not required? How can this be defended? What do we, the Church, need to do about this?

Baroness Nuala O'Loan was the first Police Ombudsman in Northern Ireland. In 2009 she was made a member of the House of Lords and is the Chair of the Governing Council of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Gerry O'Hanlon, S.J. was Professor of Systematic Theology in Milltown Institute. A former Provincial of the Jesuits in Ireland, he now works with the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice in Dublin.

So come along to this **FREE** event and make your own contribution to this
Crucial debate

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