



## What Participants Have Said About the Summer Forum...

"I certainly recommend this program to others. It is an excellent program and it is extremely helpful for sisters in early formation as well as sisters in their late 30's, 40's and 50's—for any who desire renewal or updating—no matter one's age. It has helped me to balance community/ministry more effectively and to be of greater assistance and understanding in living with more recently professed sisters."

**June Dwyer, CSJ (Canada)**

"I would highly recommend this program to members of my community regardless of age or time lived as a vowed religious."

**Monica Belber, SND deN**

"I absolutely recommend 'We Are the Change' to my sisters. It is a unique opportunity to take a 'deep dive' into this life we share and to understand it anew in light of our contemporary reality."

**Jennifer Gordon, SCL**

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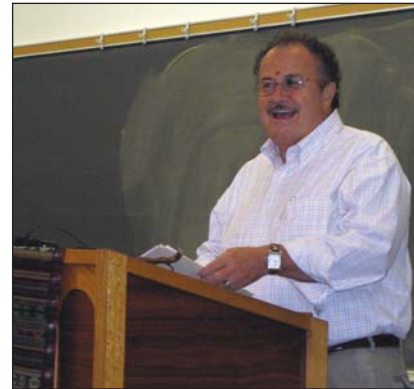
## We Are the Change

The Summer Forum began as a three-year pilot program in 2006. It continues as a collaborative effort of the Religious Formation Conference (RFC) and accredited Roman Catholic graduate schools of Theology and Ministry. The program which focuses on the vows provides an opportunity for participants to receive updating in theology, Christian spirituality and mission from a faculty of premier theologians, so as to enrich their ministry and mission in the Church and the world.

The forum in a one-week session each summer provides an environment for participants to come together; to listen and learn, to pray, to support one another; and benefit from an intergenerational corporate learning community experience. The forum also provides opportunities for members of immigrant religious communities in the United States and immigrants within mainstream religious communities in

the U.S. to receive solid theological education with a focus on mission and culture. A hoped for outcome of this forum is that vowed religious women and men will experience personal transformation which will support their efforts to live their vowed life and serve effectively in an intercultural context.

Program presenters hold graduate/doctoral degrees in Scripture, Theology, Church History, Psychology and other fields. Each faculty member is noted for extensive contributions to initial and life-long formation in religious life, and have lectured nationally and internationally.



The 2010, 2011 and 2012 Summer Forums will be held at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

### Future forums are scheduled for:

2010 - July 05–10

2011 - July 10–15

2012 - July 09–14

Additional information and applications for the program are available online at: [www.relforcon.org](http://www.relforcon.org).



“**Consecrated persons cooperate effectively in the mission of the Lord Jesus (cf. LK 24:49; Acts 1:8; 2:4), and contribute in a profound way to the renewal of the world.**”

**Pope John Paul II**

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