

## THE PANEL

**Constance Bush** — Chairperson — Director, Cornelia Connelly Center, New York, NY

**Tobie Tondi** will look at the incarnation as a worldview and as a philosophical foundation for both prayer and activity. Tobie has a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University, Rome, and teaches religious studies at Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA.

**Marcia Sichel** will discuss the need for new perspectives in just war theory for the 21st century, addressing the significance of taking a woman's perspective in discovering the incarnational principle underlying the just war tradition. Marcia has a doctorate in philosophy from Georgetown University and is a consultant for the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

**Jean O'Meara** will show how Holy Child sisters are collaborating with other women religious to address violations against the dignity and human rights of individuals, specifically through the work of UNANIMA-International, a UN non-governmental organization that has focused on human trafficking. Jean has an MA in Religious Studies from Manhattan College and is the Society's representative to U-I.

**Helen Costigane** will present a vision of the incarnate God as present in the everyday business world, addressing the question, "Can religion be a force for good in the business world, or is the gulf between God and Mammon too wide even for people of goodwill to build bridges?" Helen has a doctorate in moral theology from Heythrop College, London, where she teaches.

**Mary Ann Buckley** will describe how Holy Child sisters are sustained by an incarnational spirituality in confronting problems of hunger and environmental fragility by running an organic farm in southwestern Nigeria. Mary Ann has an MA in Humanities from New York University and will soon move to Santiago, Chile to join Holy Child sisters and associates there.



Five Holy Child sisters attended the Global Congress on “World’s Religions After September 11”, held in Montreal, Canada, September 11-15, 2006. Tobie Tondi, Marcia Sichel, Jean O’Meara, Helen Costigane and Mary Ann Buckley participated in the Congress and offered a panel presentation on “Incarnation as Worldview”. Karen Armstrong, British author and former member of the Society, chaired the panel which was described as follows in the Program for the Congress:

*“While many understand the word ‘incarnation’ to refer solely to the Christian belief concerning Jesus Christ, we propose that the deepest meaning of incarnation is key to understanding the unique value of each human person, human relationships, communities and in religious terms, the goal of human existence: the kingdom of God. Incarnation is the creative and nurturing activity of the Transcendent One...”*

## **The Society of the Holy Child Jesus**

cordially invites you

to a panel and conversation on

### **INCARNATION AS WORLDVIEW**

**Thursday, February 1, 2007**

at **5:30** (light supper) followed by **6:45 - 8:15 PM** (panel)

at **Connelly Theatre** (next to Cornelia Connelly Center)

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In their presentations, the five panelists explore the meaning of incarnation from the perspective of Catholic Christianity, and its manifestation in the spirituality and mission of a group of Catholic Sisters whose community spirit is grounded in the incarnation. **Because of the relevance of this topic to today’s questions and needs, the Society is very happy to make the panel available again, and extend an invitation to our school communities, alumnae, associates and other colleagues and friends in the New York metropolitan area.**

The Montreal Congress was sponsored by the Parliament for the World’s Religions, in collaboration with McGill University and the University of Montreal. The Parliament is a global movement that promotes interfaith dialogue and understanding. About 1000 participants attended the five-day program of plenary and break-out sessions on topics related to the central theme of the Congress: can religion be a force for good in a post 9/11 world?