

The Editor
Catholic Insight

Dear Fr,

I was amazed that Anne Lund (letter of March 2010 CI issue) writes that the Catholic Church in Canada has kept women and other minorities in second place. As an East Indian man, I find this assertion false. And, as a fellow resident of Ms Lund in Thornhill, I invite her to attend the Sunday 12.30 p.m. Mass at the local St Joseph the Worker Church, which hosts a 50-plus enthusiastic, mostly women, Filipino choir among the hundreds of parishioners many of whom are minorities.

Regarding the male Priesthood, Jesus stated that God appoints priests and urged prayer to the Harvest-master to send labourers. In the Old Testament, Yahweh declared Aaron and sons "*My priests*" (Exodus 28.1). Jesus chose 12 men even though He was constantly in the company of, and was provided for by many women (Luke 8:1 – 3). Later, the Holy Spirit sealed the male priesthood by replacing Judas with Matthias. Moreover, fearless Paul did not ordain but returned the slave Onesimus to Philemon because Baptism confers admission without distinction to the General Priesthood but not to the Priestly Ministry. And I along with 99 percent of men are also excluded from this "chosen" Ministry.

Jesus founded the Catholic Church 2000 years ago and has favoured it, more than all others, with divine manifestations of Eucharistic miracles, incorruptible bodies, saints who raised the dead to life, as well as the myriad appearances of Jesus and Mary. The Polish nun, Sister (now Saint) Faustina, had many visitations from Jesus just 70 years ago. Her diary "*Divine Mercy in My Soul*" details this relationship. Nowhere did St Faustina complain that she was not a priest, nor did Jesus require her to become one. The above facts are readily verbally and visually available on the Internet

If the "liberated" few would remove their blinders, they would rejoice that the Catholic Church has most highly honoured a woman, Our Lady, as "Mother of God" and "Queen of Heaven & Earth" and consider her above every priest, prophet and patriarch.

Yours truly