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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH DEFENDS WOMEN

From Lise Anglin

In an editorial note, the editor identifies the Catholic Church as the defender of women (March *CI*, p. 4). He describes this role as historical though sharpened in the present age of immorality. Indeed, the liberation of women by the Catholic Church is prophesied as far back as the *Book of Job* (42:15): "In all the land no other women were as beautiful as the daughters of Job; and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren." Job prefigures Christ and his inheritance prefigures the Church. Thus, according to Sacred Scripture, communion with the Catholic Church beautifies, enriches and exalts the dignity of women. By contrast, the idiocies of the sexual revolution have nothing to offer.

Toronto, ON

From Dominick Lobo

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which hosts a 50-plus enthusiastic, mostly women, Filipino choir drawn from hundreds of parishioners, many of whom are minorities.

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From Yvonne Dienesch

Allow me to pour some water on the raging fires of two very angry letters in the March *Catholic Insight*.

Firstly, Anne Lund rails against "the unjustness and inequality that the Church teaches," claiming that every practising Catholic woman feels the way she does. She even resorts to name calling. Demanding respect for herself and other women, she gives none to the Church or to Father de Valk.

Sorry, Madam, there are countless women like myself who love the Church, and can understand that it is not the Church that says no to women priests, but Jesus Himself. As Fr. de Valk points out, it is (and always has been) the Church that teaches the equal-

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