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CATHOLIC NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY
RÉSEAU CATHOLIQUE POUR L'ÉGALITÉ DES FEMMES

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Dear Anne and friends,

We are members of a group of Canadian Catholic women (Catholic Network for Women's Equality, cnwe.ca) who want to offer you our support, encouragement, love and gratitude for your act of bravery and conviction in the publication of your article, "The Silent Turnaround of Women in the Church". You made your position and the views of many women in the Catholic Church available to those who read *De Standaard* and also to those who know of your leadership among God's people. We stand in solidarity with you and the 30 women, both professional and those serving as volunteers, who added their names at significant risk to their own futures to sign this press release.

In the ongoing issue of women being excluded from full participation in ministry and decision-making roles in our church, it is obvious to all but the hierarchy that the grassroots are open to, and fully appreciate, value and support the leadership of women, as they have experienced it.

May blessings of courage and fortitude enfold you as you stay true to your beliefs and your service to the people of God.

Catholic Network for Women's Equality

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CNWE Women in the World Energy Circle

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