

# ST. PASCAL BAYLON CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Women's Retreat*

# RECOGNIZING AND RESPECTING THE GIFTEDNESS OF WOMEN



### **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

so we can plan appropriately.  
Please call the parish office  
by Monday, November 5  
if you plan to join us!

A light meal will be  
provided at 5:30 pm.

Sponsored by the  
Adult Faith Formation Team

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In the sixteenth century, the most renowned woman poet-saint of India wrote in one of her poems that "God has a special interest in women for they can lift the world to their breast and help Him comfort." Almost 500 years later, Pope John Paul II observed that "[i]n transforming culture so that it supports life, women occupy a place, in thought and action, which is unique and decisive," and that "woman has a genius all her own, which is vitally essential to both society and the Church."

We live in a wounded world. A world in which there is much violence and terror. A world in which children die because they lack sufficient food, clean drinking water and adequate health care. A world that fails to give dignity to those whose value can't be seen or measured. It is a world in need of comfort and healing.

What does it mean for women to "lift the world to their breast and help [God] comfort" the world? What is this "genius of women" and how do we use that genius to help our wounded world? This evening of reflection will be about recognizing and celebrating the gifts we bring to the world as women. It will also invite us to get in touch with those things that sometimes inhibit our ability to celebrate that giftedness.

## Thursday, November 8, 2018

### Brioschi Hall

5:30 pm—Light Supper \* 6-9 pm—Retreat

*Facilitator: Susan Stabile*



Susan Stabile is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the UST School of Law and an adjunct Instructor in Theology at St. Catherine's University. An experienced spiritual director and retreat director, she also offers retreats and other programs of spiritual formation for students, faculty, staff and alumni of UST, as well as for other groups in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area and elsewhere. Susan is the author of numerous publications, including *Growing in Love and Wisdom* (Oxford University Press 2013). She also authors a blog, *Creo in Dios!* (<http://susanjoan.wordpress.com>), on which she posts spiritual reflections and podcasts.