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Common Home TV Explores Women Deacons in Exclusive Interview with Phyllis Zagano: "Women Deacons and the Synod"

Melbourne, [14/10/2024] – In a significant moment for the Church, Common Home TV has released an in-depth interview with renowned theologian and scholar Phyllis Zagano, titled *"Women Deacons and the Synod."* The conversation comes as the global Catholic Church engages in crucial Synodal discussions, with particular attention being given to the role of women in ministry.

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Phyllis Zagano, a world-renowned expert on the ordination of women deacons, brings her wealth of knowledge and research to challenge the Church to reconsider the historical and doctrinal basis for excluding women from the diaconate. She poses a fundamental question to the Church hierarchy, stating:

"I want to know what are the reasons. If the answer is no, if there is some kind of a doctrinal reason why women cannot be restored to the ordained diaconate, then state that, and give me the reasons why. The main reasons I saw for not ordaining women as priests was that they couldn't image Christ and that was hinted at in the 2002 document from the International Theological Commission, where they said deacons act in persona Christi servi, in the person of Christ the servant. Well, what they're saying is, by extrapolation, women cannot act in the person of Christ anything."

This conversation is timely as the Church reflects on the role of women in the Church. Matthew Howard, Executive Producer of Common Home TV, highlights its significance: *"Phyllis Zagano's scholarship offers a profound reflection on the historical and theological foundations for women deacons, encouraging the Church to engage with the past to shape the future."*



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