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*Conversations with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious*

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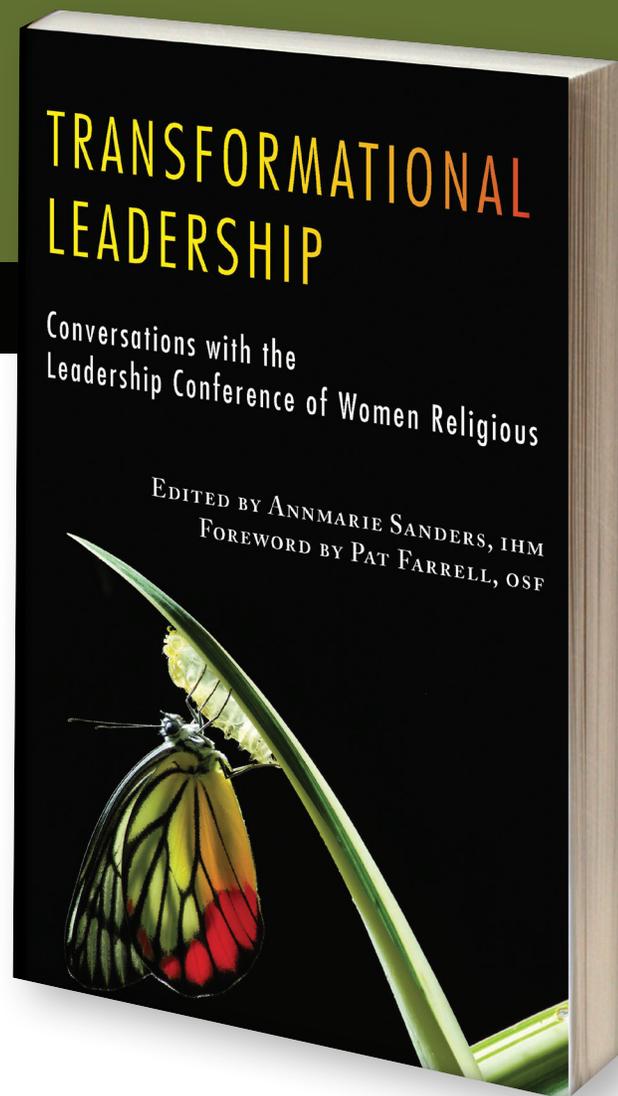
A critical Vatican assessment of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)—an organization representing more than 300 orders of sisters in the United States—drew widespread attention to this organization. Many became interested in the way the LCWR and its members exercised leadership—a style one of its members described as “transformational . . . a way of being in the world.” To better understand this way of leadership, LCWR regularly conducts interviews with some of the most engaging and passionate of contemporary thinkers. In this volume of interviews, eighteen theologians, psychologists, educators, and religious leaders from various fields and disciplines share their wisdom about a way of leadership able to meet the deep challenges of today’s world. Among those interviewed are Walter Brueggemann, Judy Cannato, Joan Chittister, OSB, Constance FitzGerald, OCD, Donald Goergen, OP, Marty Linsky, and Margaret Wheatley.

Now, in light of the successful resolution of relations between the LCWR and the Vatican, the lessons in these interviews are all the more significant. Though initially addressed to Catholic sisters, the practical suggestions for living a Gospel-centered life make this collection of interest to all men and women seeking to live with purpose and depth.

*“This collection is a gold mine for anyone whose ministerial involvement places them in a position of formal or informal leadership in the post-conciliar Church. It brilliantly illustrates why so many in the Church look to the Leadership Conference of Women Religious for a theory and a practical model of Gospel-rooted leadership in the new millennium.”*

—Sandra M. Schneiders, IHM,  
author, *Prophets in Their Own Country*

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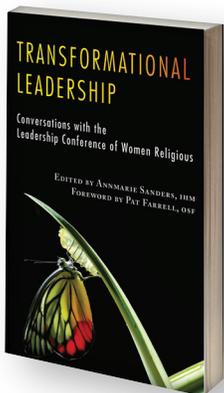
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