

Young Women and the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church needs women but alienates them

<http://ideas.time.com/2012/06/08/the-catholic-contraction/>

“(Gen Y is) the first generation of American Catholic women for whom this is so,” she says — and whose distrust of the church is even more pronounced. Which helps explain why, for the first time ever, fewer U.S. Catholic women than men are entering religious life. In Philadelphia... 173 men prepared for the Catholic priesthood in 2010, while only 30 women prepared to be nuns.

“many if not most Catholic women just see an institution that rates them as second-class. “

Young women opt out: how the Church can woo them back

http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=13254

“Millennial Catholic women are less likely than their male counterparts to say they have ever even considered a religious vocation”

“limited opportunities for women to use their leadership gifts and talents in the Church”

The Spirit of Generation Y Report

http://www.acu.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/293787/The_Spirit_of_Generation_Y_-_Summary_Report_-_2006.pdf

Key findings:

4. But there are major differences between these two generations in other respects; one of the most important is that *young women are now no more religious than young men* on a wide range of measures.

Gen Y or Millennials – born 1980-1995

Gen X - born 1960 - 1980