

The International Movement We Are Church (IMWAC) invites:

Visions of a New Church

***Brief Presentations by Catholic Leaders from Four Continents
Followed by Questions and Answers from the Media***

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AWAITING THE NEW POPE: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES of THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thursday 14 April 2005, from 11:00 to 13:00

Speakers: **Prof. Adriana Valerio** (Italy)

University Professor of History of Christianity at University of Naples "Federico II"

Prof. Paul Collins (Australia)

Writer, broadcaster and church historian.

Friday 15 April 2005, from 11:00 to 13:00

Speaker: **Sister Joan Chittister OSB** (USA)

Member and past prioress of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, USA.

Saturday 16 April 2005, from 11:00 to 13.00

Speaker: **Prof. Tissa Balasurya OMI** (Sri Lanka)

Fr. Tissa Balasuriya OMI. Theologian author Planetary Theology, Mary and Human Liberation

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International Movement We are Church

The international movement *We are Church*, founded in Rome in 1996, is committed to the renewal of the Roman Catholic Church on the basis of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and the theological spirit developed from it. *We are Church* evolved from the **Church Referendum in Austria in 1995**. *We are Church* is represented in more than twenty countries on all continents and is networking world-wide with similar-minded reform groups. As international studies of renowned religion sociologists confirm, *We are Church* as a **reform movement within the Church represents the 'voice of the people in the pews'** and has demonstrated this in several Shadow Synods in Rome.