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Ken Briggs, an occasional blogger on this page, has written a provocative essay on our web site today. It's a challenge to the religious women leaders who will gather in New Orleans next week. It is not a challenge in the sense that he claims to know and then he tells the women what they should do. It is, rather a empathetic reflection that says, "I understand; you are in a very difficult spot."

Briggs, a long time journalist, former NCR board member and author of "Double Crossed: Uncovering the Catholic Church's Betrayal of American Nuns," is always thoughtful and he knows this subject well.

Whether you are a women religious or not, his essay is today an important one to read.

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