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**09.03.2009 | Catholic** On Tuesday, Sept. 8, the University of Dayton presents the 2009 Marianist Award to Sister Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University.

Johnson, a religious sister of the Congregation of St. Joseph, taught elementary and secondary science and religion in Catholic schools before shifting her focus to theology in higher education. A past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the ecumenical American Theological Society, Johnson has since focused her teaching and scholarship on God, Jesus Christ, science and religion, the problem of suffering, ecological ethics, and women's justice issues.

Johnson's service in the church has included being a theologian on the national Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue, a consultant to the Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in Church and Society, a theologian on the Vatican-sponsored dialogues between science and religion, and on Christ and world religions. She is now a member of the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, started by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin to reconcile polarized groups in the Catholic Church.

Her books include:

- *Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology* (1990)
- *She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse* (1992)
- *Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit* (1993)
- *Friends of God and Prophets: A Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints* (1998)
- *The Church Women Want* (2002 - editor)
- *Truly Our Sister: A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints* (2003)
- *Dangerous Memories: A Mosaic of Mary in Scripture* (2004)
- *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*(2007)

The award presentation will be at 3 p.m. in the Kennedy Union ballroom. After the presentation, she will give the lecture "Rejoicing in God: Thumbnail Sketch of a Discovery." Refreshments follow. All are welcome.

During her visit to Dayton, Johnson also will have a dialogue with graduate religious studies students and meet for a discussion with 44 faculty and staff who have been reading her most recent book.