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## **Mary Ellen Bork, Sr. Deirdre Byrne join Pro-Family Women's Advisory Committee**

Pro-Family Women is pleased to announce the inaugural members of its new Advisory Committee: Mrs. Mary Ellen Bork, and Sr./Dr. Deirdre Byrne. **“The respect and esteem that both women hold among Catholic women, as well as their fidelity to the Catholic Church, make them ideal for these roles,”** said President Susan Muskett.

**Mrs. Mary Ellen Bork** is well-known among Catholic women. A long-time advocate for the pro-life movement, as well as a promoter of an active Catholic laity, Mrs. Bork brings a wealth of experience to the Advisory Committee. She has been active in numerous Catholic organizations, and is a writer and lecturer on Catholic issues pertaining to life and the culture. The recipient of many honors and awards, Mrs. Bork has received the St. Paul Woman of the Year award from the Daughters of St. Paul; an Honorary Degree from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio; and the St. Catherine of Siena award from Christendom College. She was a member of the Presidential Delegation to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Blessed Pope John Paul II in Rome in 2003. She was also an attendee at the Beatification of Mother Teresa of Calcutta during the same year that her husband, Judge Robert H. Bork, was baptized.

In a beautiful prayer composed by Mrs. Bork, she said: “Father, thank you for all of your gifts which we receive through Christ your Son and Mary our mother. We thank you for . . . Pro-Family Women at a time when our society needs to be reminded of your plan for the human race through marriage and family life. Your path is the only path that leads to human happiness . . . You have given women the courage and the gifts to defend your truth in all ages. Be with us in this our time so we may speak about the family and the human person with Your wisdom.”

**Sister/Doctor Deirdre (“Sister DeDe”) Byrne** became nationally famous overnight with her passionate pro-life speech at the 2020 Republican National Convention. Both a missionary sister, and a double board-certified doctor, Sister Byrne integrates her medical expertise into her religious vocation. She is superior of the D.C. Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts community in Washington, D.C., where the sisters run a pro-bono

physical therapy clinic, diabetic eye clinic, and retirement home for elderly sisters. She is board-certified in family medicine and general surgery. In 2009, Sister Byrne retired from the United States Army with the rank of Colonel after 29 years of service.

Sister Byrne was [quoted](#) by the Catholic News Agency in May, 2021 as saying: “We have to be prepared, battle ready’ as ‘soldiers for Christ in this dark time, where every day, things seem to be ramping up about things that are against the family and faith.’ She said, ‘This battle we face is not a battle between Republicans and the Democrats, it’s not conservatives or liberals, or left versus right . . . This is a battle between the devil, who is real, and Our Lord.”

**“Pro-Family Women welcomes Mrs. Bork and Sister Byrne and looks forward to benefitting from their good counsel and advice,”** Muskett said.

Pro-Family Women is an organization that promotes the values of faithful Catholic women in proclaiming the truth about human life and family.

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