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And I hope in God it will be seen that women in time to come will do much..”

Mary Ward
Verity Speeches
St. Omer 1617

Dear friends,

It was announced this week that **Pat Murray IBVM** has been appointed by the Holy Father as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for Culture. This Council traces its origins back to the Second Vatican Council and is a response to the need for the Church to continually engage with the cultures of the world. The Council has a small team based in Rome, as well as a Council that consists of 8 cardinals, 12 Bishops, 1 priest and 2 lay men. The Dicastery currently has 32 Consultors, 25 men and 7 women, who are nominated for a five-year term by the Holy Father and who contribute in various ways to the work of the Council. Pat joins this group of Consultors and will no doubt contribute generously and wisely, and will bring the voice of women, and in particular of women religious to the table. We wish her every blessing.