

Author Dr. Elizabeth Ursic Visits with Daughters of Wisdom

The Daughters of Wisdom were delighted to reunite with and host Dr. Elizabeth Ursic recently for a discussion on her book **"Women, Ritual, and Power- Placing Female Imagery of God in Christian Worship,"** published by SUNY Press in 2014. The Daughters of Wisdom occupy the second chapter in the book, *"The Resource of Personal Prayer Experience: Daughters of Wisdom Catholic Sisters,"* and first came to



know Dr. Ursic during the days when she was working on her

dissertation- which later resulted in the publication of this book in which the Daughters share their personal experiences in the seeking of Wisdom

Sophia. Many of the Sisters who were interviewed for this chapter were present for the follow-up discussion held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent in Sound Beach, NY.

Dr. Ursic is an adjunct professor in the Women's Spirituality program at California Institute of Integral Studies, and a professor of Religious Studies and Women and Gender Studies at Mesa Community College in Phoenix, Arizona. She holds a PhD in Religious Studies from Arizona State University, and a Masters of Divinity from Yale University where she was a Fellow at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. She is chair of the Women and Gender Studies Committee at Mesa Community College, and co-chair of the American Academy of Religion Women's Caucus. She also serves as the Higher Education representative on the board of the Arizona Interfaith Movement and is a spiritual director at the Franciscan Renewal Center, a retreat center in Scottsdale, Arizona.

