

## Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP



Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP, President and Executive Director of RENEW International, is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, New York.

She holds the degree of Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. She also earned the degrees of Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and Master of Arts in Religion and Religious Education from Fordham University, both in New York City. In 2011, Sr. Terry completed the Institute for Not-for-Profit Management in Columbia University's Graduate School of Business Executive Education Program.

Before joining the staff of RENEW in 2002, she ministered in two inner-city parishes in the South Bronx, was Director of Vocation and Formation ministry for her Dominican congregation, and was a member of the Archdiocese of New York Parish Mission Team.

At RENEW, Sr. Terry developed and introduced RENEW's *Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism* diocesan program for adult faith formation and evangelization. In May of 2006, the RENEW International's Board of Trustees recommended Sr. Terry as Executive Director and she was appointed by the Archbishop of Newark, John J. Myers. Upon the retirement of RENEW's president, Msgr. Thomas Kleissler, Sr. Terry was also appointed to that position.

Sr. Terry is a nationally-known speaker on evangelization, small communities, preaching, and vocations. She recently gave the opening keynote address, "Evangelization Matters," at the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Congress. She also presented the Annual Marten Lecture in Preaching, "Preaching for the New Evangelization," at the University of Notre Dame earlier in 2014. In 2013, she addressed the National Federation of Priests Councils on "Small Communities and Evangelization."

Sr. Terry is a contributing author to the book *Preaching in the Sunday Assembly* and the book *Preaching Christ Crucified*, published by Liturgical Press. She wrote a series on praying the new *Roman Missal* for the magazine *Living With Christ*, and is the author of *The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2014* from Ave Maria Press. She also blogs for RENEW International in the category, "God in the Stuff of Life."

Currently, Sr. Terry serves *ex officio* as President of the RENEW International Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Boards of Holy Cross Family Ministries (North Easton, MA), St. Dominic's Home (Blauvelt, NY) and Dominican Academy (New York City).