

INTRODUCTION Sr. Mary John Mananzan 14Sept 2014

Sr. Mary John Mananzan is a Missionary Benedictine Sister of Tutzing. She obtained her doctorate degree in Philosophy major in Linguistic Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy (summa cum laude) and a degree in Missiology at the Wilhelmsuniversitaet in Munster, Germany (magna cum laude). Her involvement includes charting new paths in the academe and being with the masses, especially women. As a feminist-activist she has given birth to a lot of women-centered programs, among them the Institute of Women's Studies, Women and Ecology Wholeness Farm and the Women's Crisis Center. For eighteen years, she was the national chairperson of Gabriela, a broad alliance of women's organizations. She served two terms as president of St. Scholastica's College and two terms as prioress of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of the Manila Priory.

She is actively involved in developing a distinct Third World Theology and was the executive secretary and treasurer of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) until September 2001. She served as the international coordinator of the Women's Commission of EATWOT for five years. She has written several books, the latest of which is *Women, Religion and Spirituality in Asia*, and contributed numerous articles to international journals and reviews. She is section editor on Women and Spirituality in a four-volume Encyclopedia of Women's Studies by Routledge and Co. She gives lectures and seminars on Eco-Feminist-Creation-Centered Spirituality, Women's Issues, Globalization and Transformational Education in more than fifty countries.

She was awarded the Dorothy Cadbury Fellowship in 1994 in Birmingham and Henry Luce Fellowship at the Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1995. She was granted a fellowship as an Asian Public Intellectual of 2002 by the Nippon Foundation. In April 2009, she was awarded Outstanding Woman Leader in Many by the city mayor. She was cited by Women Deliver as one of the 100 inspiring persons in the world on the occasion of the 100 years of the International Women's Day celebration in March 2011. She was given the Benigno Aquino Jr. Award for Nationalism by the Federation of Catholic Schools' Alumnae Association on November 25, 2011.