



Sister Thomas More

"It is a woman's right to nag — inalienable and essential," said Sister Thomas More when she spoke at the F.W.I.C. Convention.

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Nagging, as defined by Sister Thomas More is "to affect with recurrent awareness, uncertainty, need for consideration, or concern — to make recurrently conscious of something (as a problem, solution or situation). Synonym — see worry."

"How can we nag?" "We can be diplomats," suggested the speaker. "But what are fit subjects for nagging?"

Before answering this question Sister Thomas More quoted the anthropologist Margaret Meade who said not long ago that women today have developed "a cave man mentality." Their principal interest is in the cave — better homes and gardens, interior decoration, their own kids, their own husbands — or their job, their boss. The whole world begins and ends with the fence around the yard. They seem unconcerned about the needs of others, except as these needs have some relationship to the cave."

This notion, said the speaker, seems to run counter to the many complaints that one hears about mothers, who are never home and children who run the streets. Some mothers are never home. True. But whether they are in or out of the home, how many women have interests that are readily significant for the rest of humanity? Too few!

Sister Thomas More suggested that organizations take a good look at their objectives. "Do they exist only to collect old clothes and eat?"

"... about things, and think in terms of our influence being on a long-term basis." These thoughts may be useful as we seek to establish a more effective way of seeking social action.

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"When looking for faults, use a mirror, not a telescope."

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