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The Francis Phenomenon



Camille D'Arienzo, R.S.M., a member of the Sisters of the Mercy of Institute of the Americas, is a professor emerita of Brooklyn College, where she taught in the Department of Television and Radio from 1973 to 1993. She holds a doctorate in communications from the University of Michigan. Her weekly commentary has been featured on WINS Radio for four decades, and she writes a bi-weekly column for National Catholic Reporter. She is a past president of the 87,000-member Leadership Conference of Women's Religious. She speaks frequently on the subject of forgiveness; her reflections have been collected in a five-CD set, available from NowYouKnowMedia. She is widely known for her efforts to end capital punishment and, since 1998, has served as a spiritual adviser to a man on death row in Terre Haute, Indiana.

David Gibson is an award-winning religion journalist and filmmaker, and a convert to Catholicism. He came by all those vocations during a longer-than-expected sojourn in Rome in the 1980s. It was there that he got his start in journalism, working first for an English-language daily and then for the English Program at Vatican Radio. Gibson has worked for several newspapers in the New York area, has written for various major magazines, has produced several documentaries, and has written two books on the Catholic Church – the most recent a 2006 biography of Pope Benedict XVI. He is currently a national reporter for Religion News Service, and was in Rome to cover the recent conclave for RNS. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and daughter.

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