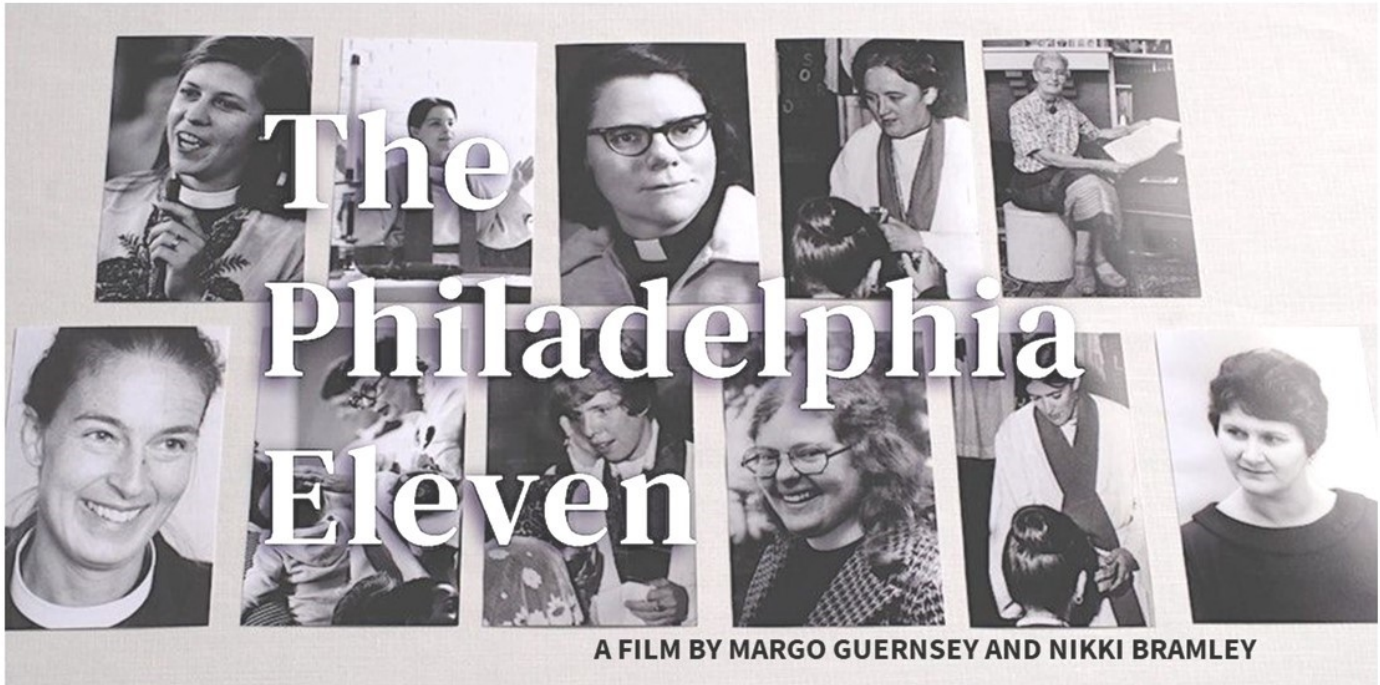


**You are invited to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Episcopal women priests in Philadelphia, PA.**



**Arrive for a light meal, followed by a viewing of this important 86 min. documentary with short discussion.**

**Monday, July 29 from 6—8 PM  
in our Parish Hall**

**Historical background:** In 1974, no canon specifically forbade women from becoming priests in The Episcopal Church, but standing committees and bishops had almost uniformly rejected women's requests for ordination to the priesthood. Only one of the Philadelphia Eleven had received the backing of her standing committee, and their bishops refused to ordain them.

Instead, three retired bishops agreed to ordain the 11 women on Monday, July 29, 1974 at Philadelphia's Church of the Advocate even though doing so without the approval of diocesan leadership could be seen as violating canonical law and church tradition.

**A free will offering will be collected to support the film and the outreach/preservation programs of the Church of the Advocate.**

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