WORCESTER, MA – On Saturday, November 5, nearly 500 women came together for the 6th Diocesan Women’s Conference, “Gather Us In 2011.”

The air was buzzing with excitement as women from all over the diocese gathered at the DCU Center in Worcester to hear keynote presentations, participate in workshops and fellowship together.

The theme of the conference was “Gratitude: Acknowledging and Affirming God’s Grace in Our Lives.”

Additional photos from the 2011 Conference – [click here to see](#).
Liz Walker, Keynote Speaker
“Grace Moves - What Happens When God Calls.”

Liz Walker, a veteran television journalist, ordained minister, and humanitarian has spent the last ten years helping to build a Girls’ school in a small village in Southern Sudan as part of the work of a grassroots humanitarian group she co-founded called My Sister’s Keeper. This transformative experience serves as the basis for Liz’s moving, funny and heartfelt keynote called “Grace Moves - What Happens When God Calls.”

A 2005 graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, Walker first traveled to Sudan in the summer of 2001 to investigate a controversial slave trade that was a part of that country’s twenty-one year civil war. Outraged by what she saw, Walker co-founded My Sister’s Keeper, a humanitarian group that has successfully built the first of its kind girls’ school in the village of Akon, South Sudan. Walker, an Emmy Award winner who left television news after 21 years as one of Boston’s most popular news anchors, produced a documentary profiling the work of My Sister’s Keeper called “A Glory from the God.”

Walker is currently the executive producer and host of “Better Living” on WCVB-TV in Boston. She serves on the Board of Overseers for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, the Board of the Tufts Health Foundation, the Board of Trustees for Andover Newton Theological Institute and the advisory board for the New England Chapter of the United Nation’s International Children’s Education Fund. She is the founder and principal of The Walker Group LLC, Communications Specialists, focused on corporate public engagement and non-profit capacity building.
Kathy spoke on **Gratitude . . . A Way of Life:**

*The more thankful we are, the more deeply we experience the breadth and depth of living. Gratitude graces us with the capacity to dwell in the joys, sorrows and mystery of life and relationship. A thankful heart teaches us how to be a blessing of hope and goodness for others. A thankful heart is a heart filled with God. In story and song we will celebrate and give thanks for the blessing in all that is.*

**Kathy Sherman** is a singer, composer and poet. Her passion is for composing music that extends healing, hope and justice . . . music that fosters unity of all neighbors with one another and God. Kathy’s passion finds expression in the music and lyrics she has been writing for more than 40 years. She is inspired by the ordinary of life with its power to reveal the sacred and the beautiful. Kathy is deeply committed to the protection and healing of Planet Earth and has a strong commitment to Earth issues.

Kathy has published 18 CDs of music which are being shared and sung throughout the U.S. and other parts of the world. Her two most recent are “Walk with Me,” songs for peace and non-violence, and “Song of the Universe” which tells the story of the unfolding universe. Kathy holds a B.S. of Ed. from Western Illinois University and a Masters of Pastoral Studies from Loyola University. She is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph and has her studio in LaGrange Park, Il.