

# Robert McClory

Robert McClory is an associate professor emeritus at Northwestern University. He has taught at Medill School of Journalism on a full-time or part-time basis since 1983. Though mainly as a Magazine Writing teacher, he has also taught freshman and sophomore writing classes, has been chief judge of numerous journalism competitions, and was for many years a coordinator of summer programs on religion and media for graduate students. He was a recipient in 1999 of the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Northwestern University Alumni Association, and was entered in the Medill Hall of Excellence in 2008. McClory began his journalism career with the Chicago Defender as reporter, feature writer and city editor. He has since been a staff writer for the Chicago Reader and the National Catholic Reporter and a contributor to many publications including Chicago Magazine, the Chicago Tribune and US Catholic Magazine. Before entering journalism, McClory was a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, serving at several parishes and as a lecturer at Loyola University.

## Books written by Robert McClory:

- Racism in America: From Milk and Honey to Ham and Eggs [1981]
- The Man Who Beat Clout City [1977]
- Turning Point: The Inside Story of the Papal Birth Control Commission [1995]
- Faithful Dissenters: Stories of Men and Women Who Loved and Changed the Church [2000]
- Power and the Papacy: The People and Politics Behind the Doctrine of Infallibility [1997]
- As It Was in the Beginning: The Coming Democratization of the Catholic Church [2007]

A presentation by  
**Robert McClory**

**Talking on**  
**The Community Jesus Founded\***  
**The Emergence of the Laity\***  
**The Church as a Democracy\***

\*Chapters in AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING

Hosted by  
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Saturday,  
April 18, 2009

at

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&  
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Located at  
7118 Old Sauk Road  
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9:00 - 9:30

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Google books writes this description about the book As It was in the Beginning: The Coming Democratization of the Catholic Church

Many assume the Catholic Church has always functioned with a top-down leadership model. But in this well-researched book, Robert McClory reveals that there have been long periods where lay people were consulted and had strong, leading voices. McClory also explains that a decentralized Church is around the corner and is inevitable. The book helps readers read the signs of the times to identify what is to come for the "world's longest running corporation."

Call to Action, for the 2007 National Conference, wrote the following:

Robert McClory believes the church is moving toward a new democratized era. He argues from an analysis of history, theology and especially the signs of the times. The heavy, restorationist direction of the institutional church today is a kind of last hurrah of the old regime before the inevitable breakthrough of what has been gestating for at least 50 years.... McClory is a former CTA board member, a longtime writer for the National Catholic Reporter.

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*Exit right onto Old Sauk Rd; Go 3/10 miles*

Community of Hope UCC is on left

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