The Sisters of St. Mary in Sewanee, TN will offer a workshop titled “Religion and the Civil War” on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at their convent. The workshop will explore how American Christianity inspired the abolitionist cause in the North, was used by Southerners to defend their peculiar institution, and advised common soldiers, generals, and the President of the United States. The day will begin with registration at 9AM followed by the first session titled "Ordained by God: The Bible and Slavery". The second session is called “With God on Our Side: Christianity and the Civil War Soldiers”. Attendees will join the Sisters for Noonday Prayer followed by lunch and the third session of the workshop, “To Be on God’s Side: Abraham Lincoln’s Christian Journey”. Each session will conclude with time for questions and answers from workshop participants. The day will conclude at 2:45 PM.

The workshop will be facilitated by Chris Carpenter. Chris serves as the Dean of Student Academics at McCallie School in Chattanooga, TN where he also teaches a course on the American Civil War and Reconstruction. His class is also the subject of an upcoming documentary film about teaching history in America. A two-time featured teacher at the Thorne Sparkman School at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Chris has been involved in secondary education for over 20 years.

Registration for the workshop is open now by clicking here. More information is available on the Community of St. Mary website - Events page by clicking here. The cost of the workshop is $50 and includes lunch. Registration will close on November 3. Any questions should be directed to the Sisters via email at sisterhoodofstmary@gmail.com or by phone at 931-598-0046.