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with Catholic speaker and author

**MARY SHARON MOORE, M.T.S.**

Introducing Mary Sharon's dynamic  
**DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT**  
Deep formation of pastoral leaders and laity  
for real engagement in the world

It is not myself I preach but Christ Jesus as Lord,  
and myself as your servant, for Jesus' sake.  
*See 2 Corinthians 4:5*



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## MARY SHARON MOORE, EVANGELIZING MISSIONARY

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.  
So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
*Romans 14:7-8*

These words of Saint Paul continually shape and guide—ignite, really—the life and work of one 21st century evangelizer. The term “Christ-centered” describes her best.

”I live to evangelize,” says nationally known Catholic speaker, teacher, and writer Mary Sharon Moore.

Recognized for her **honest talk on the nature of God’s calling**, Mary Sharon animates audiences and readers alike with a fire of love for Jesus and an urgency to live their anointing with new passion.

“I am not so interested in people *going* to church as I am in people *being* church,” says Mary Sharon.

**No matter the age of her audience, Mary Sharon gently and irresistibly nudges people out of the “good enough zone” and opens up horizons of invitation, possibility, and mission.**

What uniquely distinguishes the evangelizing work of Mary Sharon Moore?

### MARY SHARON’S WELLSPRING

To encounter Mary Sharon Moore is to encounter her irrepressible joy, her vitality, her presence.

“Mary Sharon shares from the fire at the core of her being,” says one event planner.

A fellow teacher puts it this way: “Mary Sharon is as fresh and vibrant at the end of a weekend of teaching as she is at the start. It’s like she’s plugged into the wall socket.”

**But for Mary Sharon, it’s not just about energy or wall sockets.**

Living as a Christ-centered lay solitary with an active ministry, Mary Sharon draws deeply and regularly from the **interior wellspring of the Holy Spirit**.

At the core of Mary Sharon’s prayer life is the Divine Office, her daily immersion in the Psalms and New Testament scriptures.

“The psalms were Jesus’ prayer language,” she notes in her talks and writings on prayer. “I pray the psalms so that Jesus can worship his Father one more time, so that the anguish and hope of the world can again be the matter of his prayer, and therefore be the matter of my own.”

## **MARY SHARON'S VISION OF CHURCH**

"I have distilled the mission of the church down to two words," Mary Sharon often tells her audiences.

Those two words, she notes, both begin with an R: To remain, and to reveal.

To *remain* with Jesus, with church, with sacrament and scripture, with the rich tradition and heritage which is ours.

And to *reveal* the One whom we love, everywhere. In words, of course, and also in our ways of being with others and in the world.

Mary Sharon's breakthrough initiative, DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT, brings this two-word mission of the church to life for pastoral and catechetical leaders and laity alike, for immediate application in the world.

**"I am honest especially with young people about the church's mission," notes Mary Sharon. "I feel an urgency to propose to them more than a lifetime of fulfilling a Sunday obligation. Let's spark fresh fire in their hearts, so that they in turn can spark fresh fire in the world they touch."**

## **MARY SHARON'S BACKGROUND**

Mary Sharon has a master's degree in theological studies, with a focus in liturgical spirituality, from the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California.

Prior to that she developed her love of writing and "playing with words" with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon.

Her theological formation also has included deep immersion in liturgical spirituality in the L.I.F.E. (Liturgy in a Formative Environment) program with Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., and Kathleen Harmon, S.N.D. de N., at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Mary Sharon received formation in the ministry of spiritual direction at Shalom Prayer Center, a program of Queen of Angels Benedictine Monastery in Mount Angel, Oregon.

"And all of this was built upon a solid family life of Catholic faith and practice," Mary Sharon recalls, going back many generations on both sides of her family. Growing up she simply understood: "This is who we are."

## MARY SHARON'S CONVERSION-IN-PROGRESS

Mary Sharon Moore is quick to admit that her conversion is still a work in progress.

Her book *Conformed to Christ*, and her blog, “Noticing Things,” chronicle her ongoing waking up to ever-deeper life in Christ through engagement in her world.

**“Every day, every breath, it seems, is an invitation to turn more fully, more wholeheartedly, toward the Lord,” says Mary Sharon.**

To become “poor in Christ” is the real invitation, and Pope Francis is her model.

“When Pope Francis expressed his yearning for a church which is poor, and for the poor, I instinctively recognized my own yearning to be part of this mission,” she notes.

What really spurs Mary Sharon’s conversion toward this “poverty in Christ” is a phrase in Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel* where he writes of those who are poor: “[I]n their difficulties they know the suffering Christ. We need to let ourselves be evangelized by them” (para. 198).

Mary Sharon’s stories of her encounters with those who are poor appear often in her retreats, parish missions, and her writings.

**“I try to make it easy for others to enter into this form of conversion,” she says, “to become poor in Christ, a poverty which enriches others, as Saint Paul writes.”**

Mary Sharon offers a wealth of resources—both live and in print—for your own conversion journey and that of your parish community.

### SAMPLING OF PARISHES SERVED

- Blessed Sacrament Church, Seattle WA
- Our Lady of Fatima Church, Moses Lake WA
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City OH
- Parish of the Annunciation of the Lord, Evansville IN
- Prince of Peace Parish, Great Bend KS
- Saint Alice Church, Springfield OR
- Saint Catherine of Siena Church, Veneta OR
- Saint John the Evangelist Church, Goshen IN
- Saint John Paul II Catholic Community, Idaho Falls ID
- Saint Jude Church, Sandy Spring GA
- Saint Louis de Montfort Church, Fishers IN
- Saint Monica Church, East Peoria IL
- Saint Thomas More Church, Austin TX

## PARISH EVENTS, KEYNOTE TOPICS

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to  
speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

*Isaiah 50:4*

## MULTIDAY EVANGELIZING PACKAGES

Mary Sharon prefers to work in weeklong engagements,  
delivering a **high-impact suite of events** for your parish as a whole,  
and addressing the needs of each constituent group.  
Every event can be adapted for keynote presentation.

### MULTIDAY PACKAGES: WHAT THEY ARE

Traditionally, parish missions provide faith communities with a deep plunge into Christian spiritual life.

**For Mary Sharon Moore, this deep plunge means waking up to intentional apprenticeship to life in Christ, expressed in faith-filled engagement in the concerns of today's world.**

Mary Sharon's Multiday Parish Evangelizing Packages include the customary three days (morning or early afternoon talks, repeated in the evening) with rich material on seasonal, scriptural, or sacramental themes, plus a full menu of other events to round out the engagement.

Each event comes with inspiring slides containing her talking points, plus an event journal to make it easy for participants to capture ideas and reflect on questions for further thought. Each talk's reflection questions offer **the ideal platform for a larger, parishwide conversation on vision and mission.**

Think of Mary Sharon as your "**evangelizer in residence**" for a week of rich spiritual nourishment, customized to the needs of your faith community.

Mary Sharon not only fills the room with vibrant faith, encouragement, and joy. She also cherishes the touchable one-to-one encounters as well.

Mary Sharon's DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT initiative appears on page 9. Descriptions of her parish missions start at page 11.

### **WHO THESE EVANGELIZING PACKAGES ARE FOR**

Beyond the three-day parish mission, Mary Sharon's parish evangelizing packages include workshops, master classes, retreats, and parish and school staff renewal, customized to your needs and providing spiritual nourishment to the many constituent groups within the parish.

Mary Sharon is known for her customized audience-specific talks and retreats. **Constituent groups include** youth, young adults, families, those who are new or returning to active life in the church, those who are single, widowed, or divorced, and those in midlife, retirement, and beyond.

**Constituent groups also include** pastoral and catechetical leaders and visionaries, parents of children and youth preparing for sacraments, faith formators, teachers and evangelizers, as well as liturgical ministers, and social outreach teams.

Descriptions of Mary Sharon's audience-specific retreats, master classes, and similar offerings can be found starting at page 20.

### **MOST POPULAR PARISH MISSION THEMES**

Mary Sharon's most asked-for parish mission themes include:

- Anointed for a Purpose
- Beatitudes in a Just and Joyful World
- Conformed to Christ
- Lord, Teach Us to Pray
- Poor, Like Jesus
- Summer School for the Soul

Or suggest a theme! Mary Sharon's work is customized to the needs of your group.

Any of these parish mission themes can be reshaped for a morning talk, half-day or full-day retreat, or keynote event.

### **WHY MARY SHARON'S PARISH MISSIONS MATTER**

Mary Sharon Moore provides clear teaching, keen insight, practical material, and powerful encouragement in service to the church's mission.

Her **prophetic evangelizing style** reveals her joy in the Gospel and her love for the crucified and risen Lord.

**A storyteller by nature**, Mary Sharon connects ordinary life with a living faith which people of all ages and states in life can relate to.

**Mary Sharon's parish missions invite audiences into a living discipleship.** Her events awaken men, women, and youth of Christian faith to the power of their anointing in the Holy Spirit, in service to the world they touch.

### **THE DISTINCTIVE DIFFERENCE**

As an evangelizer, Mary Sharon's life and stories point to the radical demands of discipleship. She gladly walks on the uncertain surfaces of life, and freely shares with her audiences how it's done.

### **What others are saying ...**

When our Presbyteral Council previewed a video-spot of Mary Sharon I knew immediately that our parish should host her workshops. We did just that. Her deep insight into what it means to be called by God, and her great examples, made her workshops enriching.  
*Rev. Reginald Urban, Prince of Peace Parish, Great Bend KS*

Mary Sharon has a profound spirituality, ... a warm, winning personality, a passion for God and His people, and is always thoroughly prepared.  
*Michael Fones, OP, Western Dominican Province*

Mary Sharon excels in punctuality, attention to detail, follow-up, and flexibility. Her commitment to accuracy and authenticity is commendable. I highly recommend Mary Sharon as a guest speaker, retreat master, or workshop leader.  
*Dina Marie Hale, Program Director, Mater Dei Catholic Radio, Portland OR*

## **DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT**

Deep formation of pastoral leaders and laity  
for real engagement in the world

**Mary Sharon’s breakthrough DARE TO BELIEVE process delivers the clear and impelling link between “profession of faith” and “real action in the world.”**



### **WHY “DARE TO BELIEVE”**

Today’s world desperately needs the vision, justice, and hands-on works of the reign of God. And while the world urgently needs the church, the church must become, in new and courageous ways, something that the world actually needs.

The challenge for church today? To discern and act on *God’s* love for a world in disarray.

**Evangelizing missionary Mary Sharon Moore is inspired by the words of Saint Teresa of Avila:  
“The world is on fire, and this is no time to be concerned with unimportant things.”**

DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT brings home just how much Jesus was not kidding about the demands of the reign of God and the costs of discipleship.

From pastoral and catechetical leaders to the least noticed of the laity, DARE TO BELIEVE delivers the inescapable invitation to be the living presence of the risen Christ for our world today.

**Like Peter, every one of us is beckoned by the Lord to walk on the uncertain surface of our own times. And with prophetic clarity, Mary Sharon issues the challenge: “Dare to believe, rise up to act!”**

Mary Sharon’s groundbreaking work is designed for parish, deanery, diocese, or campus ministry settings.

### **THE DARE TO BELIEVE PROCESS**

1. **A one-day Pastoral Leaders Inservice:** For parish, deanery, or diocesan pastoral leaders, faith formators, Catholic educators, process implementors; lays the foundation for DARE TO BELIEVE parish application
2. **A one-day Parish Immersion:** A “must do” for all of your parish’s constituent groups, plus youth talks for 5th and 6th graders, 7th and 8th graders, and pre- and post-Confirmation high school students
3. **Accountability Circles:** Guided small-group conversations for individual support, accountability, encouragement, and spiritual growth

**Pastoral Leaders Inservice** talks include:

1. Focus on the simple mission
2. Focus on the laity
3. Forms of preaching and daring to believe
4. Freedom to rise up and act
5. Owning the questions

**Parish Immersion** talks include:

1. Dare to believe
2. Rise up to act

**IDEAL PREPARATION**

Mary Sharon consults with your pastoral leadership team to discern readiness for the challenge which DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT presents.

Preparation also requires your team's familiarity with:

1. Pope Francis's understanding of the urgency of our times;
2. the prophetic challenges of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*; and
3. a readiness to "get out of the boat and walk on the uncertain surface" of our times toward the One who calls us.

**FOLLOW-UP**

Mary Sharon provides a year's worth of quarterly check-ins, plus consultation with your leadership team as needed.

View Mary Sharon's DARE TO BELIEVE introductory materials  
on her speaker page at [catholicspeakers.com](http://catholicspeakers.com)

Mary Sharon Moore has been igniting hearts and minds  
with her passion for the church's mission  
for over twenty years.

## PARISH MISSIONS

### ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE

#### WHO IT'S FOR

The entire parish community, including:

- Pastoral team and staff
- All pastoral, financial, and other council heads and members
- All pastoral, liturgical, and outreach ministry and committee heads and members
- Parents of children and youth, and youth pre- or post-Confirmation
- Young adults and young marrieds who seek a way to connect faith, work, and daily life
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#### WHY ATTEND

ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE is **Mary Sharon's signature work** on sacrament and discerning God's willing.

This parish mission is **a powerful immersion into the deep anointing in the Holy Spirit** received in Baptism and Confirmation, and which requires a lifetime to achieve mature expression.

Based on Mary Sharon's book of the same title, this three-part talk offers **rich insight and encouragement for baptismal mission** for men and women in every stage and state in life, and for youth growing as disciples within the church.

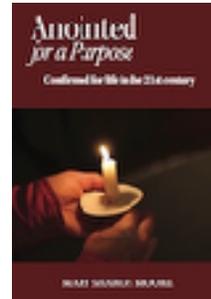
Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation. Participants receive an event journal with all talking points, plus reflection questions.

### MISSION TALKS INCLUDE

1. Becoming Anointed: Growing into sacramental life
2. Living Anointed: Growing into mature relationship
3. Remaining with Christ, Revealing Him Everywhere: Being church for our 21st century world

### IDEAL PREPARATION

Consider a bulk-discount order of Mary Sharon's book or 4-CD audiobook *Anointed for a Purpose* for small-group study. Chapters are small, the language easy. Each chapter ends with questions for conversation.



### THE TAKE-AWAY

Participants' event journal includes all talking points and breakout questions, plus ample room to capture ideas, reflections, and comments. A great source for extended reflection, small-group conversation, and spiritual growth.

### FOLLOW-UP

Following the parish mission, Mary Sharon will consult with your pastoral leaders as you create a larger parishwide conversation, or visioning day, based on each session's breakout questions, to revisit and animate the parish's mission.

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*A passion for awakening God's people  
to the power of their anointing.*

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## BEATITUDES IN A JUST AND JOYFUL WORLD

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### WHY ATTEND

BEATITUDES IN A JUST AND JOYFUL WORLD breaks open Jesus' seminal teaching from Saint Matthew's Gospel, offering church **the original world view—life as God always imagined it.**

Based on Mary Sharon's ongoing apprenticeship in Beatitude living, with inspiration from Pope Francis, this three-part talk **exhorts participants in the work of building a reign-of-God world now.**

Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation. Participants receive an event journal with all talking points, plus reflection questions. **This is an ecumenical-friendly event!**

### TALKS INCLUDE

1. Ways of Being with God
2. Ways of Being with Others
3. Ways of Being in Our World with Justice and Joy

### THE TAKE-AWAY

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### FOLLOW-UP

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## CONFORMED TO CHRIST

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### WHY ATTEND

CONFORMED TO CHRIST is a powerful immersion into **the lifelong and deeply challenging work of complete identification with Christ**—guided by one who undergoes the process herself.

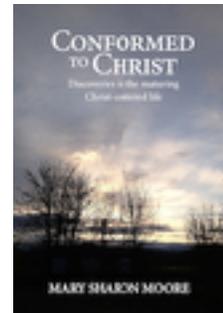
Drawing from Mary Sharon Moore's book of the same title, this three-part talk helps participants to **identify the many invitations and entry points into their own mature, responsible life in Christ**. Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation. Participants receive an event journal with all talking points plus reflection questions. **An ecumenical friendly event!**

### TALKS INCLUDE

1. Invitations
2. Your Apprenticeship Begins
3. Being Sent

### IDEAL PREPARATION

Consider a bulk-discount order of Mary Sharon's book *Conformed to Christ* for small-group study, with focus on being apprenticed into mature life in Christ.



### THE TAKE-AWAY

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## LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

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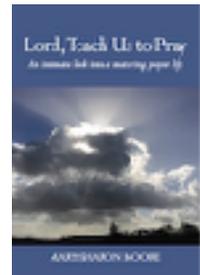
### WHY ATTEND

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY explores **the unique organic development of prayer in the course of a lifetime.** Using stories, Mary Sharon helps participants to name and call forth their own prayer forms, **including contemplative prayer, “enfleshed” prayer, and liturgical and devotional forms of prayer.**

Based on her book of the same title and her own prayer practices, Mary Sharon reveals **the divine invitation that impels** this “holy conversation,” no matter how busy our lives. Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation. Participants receive an event journal with all talking points plus reflection questions.

### TALKS INCLUDE

1. In the Beginning was the Word: Prayer as Encounter
2. The Intimate Conversation of Holy Trinity: Prayer as Holy Conversation
3. The Master Teaches: Prayer as Invitation to Something More



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## **POOR, LIKE JESUS**

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### **WHY ATTEND**

POOR, LIKE JESUS journeys into **the radical poverty of Jesus**, “who did not deem equality with God as something to be snatched.” It explores **the prophetic witness of Gospel poverty for our society today**. Based on Pope Francis’ words that “we first must be evangelized by the poor,” Mary Sharon shares her own journey into “**a poverty that enriches others.**”

Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation. Participants receive an event journal with all talking points plus reflection questions.

### **TALKS INCLUDE**

1. Becoming Human
2. Becoming Poor
3. Becoming Whole for the Sake of the World

### **THE TAKE-AWAY**

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### **FOLLOW-UP**

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## **SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE SOUL: “REMIND ME WHY CHURCH MATTERS”**

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### **WHY ATTEND**

This three-day talk opens up the tent for people who might never think of attending “a parish mission.” It appeals to “the regular faithful” as well as those who see the ad in your local paper or hear the public interest spot on a favorite radio station.

By calling out the unspoken questions, SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE SOUL delivers **encouragement, catechesis, and honest talk on living a deeper discipleship and anointed apostleship.**

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE SOUL is an ideal opportunity to engage parishioners and families who might think of summertime as “vacation from church.”

With real-life stories and insights that will open hearts, **Mary Sharon ignites the fire of love for Jesus, for sacrament and scripture, reminding everyone of why church still matters.**

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE SOUL brings forward the inescapable reality that **the world is waiting for us, as church, to “wake up and get it right.”**

As Mary Sharon often affirms, **“It’s not so much about going to church as actually being church, seven days a week, in every situation.”**

Each session includes breakout questions to expand the personal and parishwide conversation.

Participants receive an event journal with all talking points plus reflection questions.

### **TALKS INCLUDE**

1. Why Confirmation Matters
2. Why Faithfulness Matters
3. Why Church Matters in Our 21st Century World

### **THE TAKE-AWAY**

Participants' event journal includes all talking points and breakout questions, plus ample room to capture ideas, reflections, and comments. A great source for extended reflection, small-group conversation, and spiritual growth.

### **FOLLOW-UP**

Following the parish mission, Mary Sharon will consult with your pastoral leaders as you create a larger parishwide conversation, or visioning day, based on each session's breakout questions, to revisit and animate the parish's mission.

Think of this parishwide follow-up conversation as an Upper Room "Pentecost" experience for your people.

### **What others are saying ...**

I finally figured out Mary Sharon. She's Saint Paul with lipstick!  
*Workshop participant*

Mary Sharon won me over immediately with her opening greeting, "*Good evening, church!*"  
I am more than just a parishioner! I wish we could hear this more often.  
*Parish mission participant*

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Shaping your Parish Evangelizing Package is easy.  
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## WEEKEND IMMERSIONS

### WHAT THEY ARE

Shorter than a parish mission, Mary Sharon's Weekend Immersions are **compact, highly focused “deep dives” into topics that matter.** Ideal for conference and parish audiences.

Typically, Mary Sharon's Weekend Immersions span Friday evening through Saturday evening Mass, or Saturday morning to Sunday morning Mass.

**These immersions give busy people, couples, and “domestic church” a chance to “get away” without having to go far.**

These weekend immersions also offer safe entry into matters of deeper integration of faith life and life in the world, in a relaxed setting that includes a community meal and shared Eucharist.

Think of these immersions as **evangelizing tune-ups**, or **“vocational wake-ups,”** as Mary Sharon calls them, customized to your group's needs.

Content can span from seasonal themes to parish vision-setting, Christ-centered home life, or a revitalized experience of Christian community.

### WHO THEY ARE FOR

Weekend immersions are ideal for **lay men and women, including families who might shy away** from committing to a week night “parish mission,” but who could be intrigued by a deep-dive weekend of insight, engagement, and spiritual refreshment.

### MOST POPULAR THEMES

Drawing from her rich parish mission content, Mary Sharon's most popular Weekend Immersion themes include:

- Anointed for a Purpose
- Beatitudes in a Just and Joyful World
- Courageous Conversations in a Season of Lent
- Enriching Our Sunday Experience (for liturgical ministers; see page 22)
- Living in God's Economy Family Weekend (for families; see page 24)
- Lord, Teach Us to Pray
- Poor, Like Jesus
- “Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask First” (for families; see page 25)

Or suggest a theme! Mary Sharon's work is customized to the needs of the group and draws from the riches of the liturgical seasons, scripture, and your parish's vision and mission.

## AUDIENCE-SPECIFIC RETREATS

### WHAT THEY ARE

Parishes include many constituent groups, all of them waiting for **the invitation to events that address their specific states and stages in life, vocational thresholds, and spiritual needs.**

### IDENTIFY YOUR CONSTITUENT GROUPS

- Members of parish councils, committees, commissions, and advisory groups, who contribute their expertise, but who may overlook their own need for spiritual enrichment
- Single, divorced, or widowed members, who may feel overlooked in a “family-oriented” environment
- Women of all ages and backgrounds, who offer unique insight, life experience, and spiritual expression—or “feminine genius,” in the words of Pope Francis
- Youth, who are “the church of the future” but who also yearn to be part of the church of today
- People who identify with the back pew and feel disconnected from the weave of parish life

Mary Sharon believes that **if you are anointed, you have a mission and a vital and unique place** within the Christian community. Everyone deserves to be called forth, spiritually nourished, anointed, and sent.

## RETREATS FOR WOMEN

### BEATITUDES WITH GRIT AND GRACE

- A rich immersion into the “blessed” way of life which **equips women for the heavy lifting and spiritual challenges of life in the world they inhabit.**

### BLEST IS SHE WHO TRUSTED

- A retreat inspired by strong women of the Bible—Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary—and designed to **call forth courage for wholeness of being-in-God.**

### COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

- An exploration of **the kinds of speech that can hold women back** from the honesty of their experience and the fullness of their call to anointed life in Christ.

### NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

- A lovely Advent retreat which speaks equally to the challenge and invitation to **move from the many forms of brokenness and incompleteness to a life of fruitfulness and grace.**

### PRAYER FOR THE BUSY AND THE BOLD

- An intimate look into the prayer forms of an evangelizer whose life is **centered in Jesus** and whose **wellspring is the Holy Spirit**, plus prayer forms that work in every situation.

## RETREATS FOR MIDLIFE AND ELDER YEARS

### FRESH INVITATIONS FOR MIDLIFE AND BEYOND

- An insightful, hope-filled, inspiring retreat for men and women of retirement age, empty-nesters, and those who are **ready to give themselves with renewed vigor to a greater mission.**

### HOLY APPRENTICESHIP IN LATER LIFE

- Ideal for men and women who have experienced loss, who have let go familiar forms of work, and who **trust in a life of meaning that still has their name on it.**

### ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE

- Based on Mary Sharon's work in the area of lifelong anointing, and uniquely shaped for those in mid and later years who are **ready to embrace their sacramental anointing in new ways.**

## RETREATS FOR THE SINGLE, WIDOWED, AND DIVORCED

### COMMUNITY OF THE BELOVED SINGLES RETREAT

- What do single people share in common? **The answer lies not in singlehood** but in, well, you have to attend the retreat to discover the answer—and the power of the Holy Spirit that goes with the answer. **This retreat ends with a lovely meal**, prepared and served by married couples in the parish, in a gracious and hospitable setting.

### What others are saying ...

Every woman walked away feeling nourished by your retreat,  
and for those lucky enough to speak with you alone, an added blessing!  
*Shirley Spadorcio, Women's retreat coordinator, St. Philip Church, Dallas OR*

## MASTER CLASSES

### WHAT THEY ARE

Mary Sharon's master classes are one-day or weekend intensives that lay a solid foundation for ministry and mission.

### MASTER CLASS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### ENRICHING OUR SUNDAY EXPERIENCE: LITURGICAL MINISTERS MASTER CLASS

- This workshop and retreat delivers **rich theological and spiritual background for liturgical ministry**, in language accessible to young altar servers as well as to wise elder lectors.
- The master class also includes **a breakout session for deeper work** in the various liturgical ministries, led by each ministry's coordinator and using Mary Sharon's practical materials and rigorous questions for reflection and conversation.
- The master class ends with a **blessing and commissioning of lay liturgical ministers**.

### MASTER CLASS FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

#### MOVING IN GOD'S DIRECTION

- This master class is **for spiritual directors, those in spiritual director formation, and those discerning a calling to this ministry** of deep listening and spiritual accompaniment.

If your vicariate, deanery, or diocese has a community of trained and active spiritual directors or directors-in-formation, consider this master class for a one-day or weekend conference and retreat. From the author of *Moving in God's Direction: Essentials of Christ-centered Spiritual and Vocational Direction*.

Mary Sharon welcomes your suggestions for spiritual nurture for your specific groups—catechumens, candidates, and sponsors; Confirmation youth, and those at life-stage or vocational thresholds.

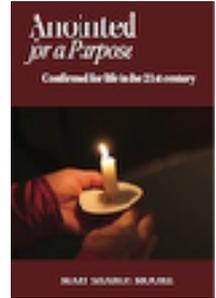
## CONFIRMATION YOUTH TALKS

### YOU ARE ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE!

Mary Sharon has a particular gift for **capturing young people's hearts and setting those hearts on fire.**

She does this not through entertainment or over-reach, but through **straight-ahead honest talk on the nature of God's calling**, and young people's anointed mission in the world they touch.

Based on Mary Sharon's best-selling book, *YOU ARE ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE* is available in multiple formats—a 45-minute talk, an unrushed half-day or daylong retreat, or **youth conference keynote.**



#### WHO IT'S FOR

Mary Sharon's material is ideal for **fifth and sixth graders** who are developing their understanding of Confirmation, for **youth preparing immediately for the sacrament**, and for **youth and young adults** who wonder what exactly Confirmation—or church itself—is supposed to mean in their lives.

Mary Sharon has a **keen ability to get to the heart of the necessary vocational conversation** which each person—including each youth and young adult—must have at life's many thresholds.

With Mary Sharon, these talks are **pure joyful moments of evangelizing, educating, and encouraging, without the hype.** Mary Sharon simply ignites the fire of faith in those whose lives she touches.

#### IDEAL PREPARATION

Consider a bulk-discount order of Mary Sharon's book or 4-CD audiobook *Anointed for a Purpose* for small-group study. Chapters are small, the language easy. And each chapter ends with questions for conversation.

#### THE TAKE-AWAY

Participants' event journal includes all talking points and breakout questions, plus ample room to capture ideas, reflections, and comments. A great source for extended reflection, small-group conversation, and spiritual growth.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

All pastoral work on behalf of the family must allow people to be interiorly fashioned and formed as members of the domestic church.

*Pope Francis, "The Joy of Love" (Amoris Laetitia), 227*

### “LIVING IN GOD’S ECONOMY” WEEKEND

Mary Sharon’s dynamic and interactive LIVING IN GOD’S ECONOMY WEEKEND is built on her family workbook of the same title.

This domestic church resource for Gospel living at home is packed with **insight into God’s plan for Christ-centered family life**, as well as practical tools for families to **choose a lifestyle that enriches others’ lives while treasuring Earth’s resources**.

A bonus with this Family Weekend is the **enriched sense of community** that grows among households who otherwise may not know each other or think that they have much in common.

At the heart of LIVING IN GOD’S ECONOMY is Mary Sharon’s **Find-Choose-Share process of editing down and missioning up** in the work of being domestic church in the 21st century.

#### WHAT’S IN IT

This event breaks out into the following segments:

1. The Big Picture
2. Francis on the Family
3. Here at Home
4. Living in God’s Economy
5. Putting It on Paper



This domestic church weekend lends itself well to a **“Family Camp” setting**, whether away or on the parish grounds.

#### IDEAL PREPARATION

Consider ordering advance copies of Mary Sharon’s workbook *Living in God’s Economy* for your core team and “early adopter” households.

#### THE TAKE-AWAY

Participating families will receive a copy of *Living in God’s Economy* for home use.

**“SECURE YOUR OWN OXYGEN MASK FIRST”  
WHAT MY YEARS OF AIRLINE TRAVEL HAVE TAUGHT ME  
ABOUT SHARING THE FAITH**

A fun and inspiring presentation for **families, extended families, and anyone who wants a fresh perspective** on what a practical and Spirit-filled life of faith can look like.

Scripture-rich and story-packed, SECURE YOUR OWN OXYGEN MASK FIRST **unites Jesus’ instruction on discipleship with practical applications** at home, at work, and in every dimension of life, and at every stage in life.

**TALKS INCLUDE**

1. Fasten your seatbelt
2. Power down your devices
3. Secure your own oxygen mask first
4. Baggage has its limits
5. We’re all in this together, headed in the same direction

This event works well as a one-day Family Camp. Or fold it in as part of your week with Mary Sharon.

**SPIRITUALITY OF CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILIES**

Honest, simple talk, with great stories, on **the vital role which the well-formed domestic church plays** in today’s world.

**TALKS INCLUDE**

1. The Christ-centered family at home
2. The Christ-centered family in the world

**IDEAL PREPARATION**

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**BOOKS BY MARY SHARON MOORE**

Anointed for a Purpose (2012)  
Conformed to Christ (2016)  
Living in God's Economy (2009, 2016)  
Lord, Teach Us to Pray (2017)  
Moving in God's Direction (2012)  
Seven Last Words and Eight Words of Easter (2013)  
Touching the Reign of God (2009)

**AUDIOBOOK BY MARY SHARON MOORE**

Anointed for a Purpose (2014)



Mary Sharon's articles appear often in *St. Anthony Messenger*. She also has contributed to *Liguorian*, *Catechist*, *Today's Catholic Teacher*, *Chicago Studies*, *Southwest Kansas Catholic*, *(Eugene) Register-Guard*, and other publications.

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