

Event participants' testimonials in praise of
Mary Sharon Moore's
"impact for good"

ANOINTED FOR A PURPOSE PARISH MISSION

- Thank you once again, Mary Sharon, for a wonderful Mission. I truly see the Holy Spirit working through you. Our people at St. Monica continue to say great things about the Mission, too. And now the work begins. You have awakened us to spread the Gospel. Know that you are always welcome at St. Monica. Keep up your holy work. I reminded the parishioners this past weekend that we are all called "to remain and to reveal." And we are "Eucharist fed, Spirit led." Know that you are in my prayers! (Rev. Steve Willard, Pastor, St. Monica Church, East Peoria IL)
- Mary Sharon was wonderful! She is easy to work with, well prepared, and a joy to be with. She brings such insight and stories that touch the hearts of the attendees. There were more "Thanks for having her come" to count! (Linda Racki, event planner)
- Many thanks for your great words of inspiration to our St. Monica family during the recent parish mission. Mary Sharon, we love the way you share God's "down to earth" love with us through your words. Keep up his great work!
- Mary Sharon was so inspiring! I traveled 45 minutes each way over three evenings. Definitely worth the trip!
- Mary Sharon really spoke to me! Very inspiring!
- Thank you, Mary Sharon, for challenging me in my faith. Thanks again for your sharing and your gifts!
- You were fantastic. No, you ARE fantastic. You are truly anointed!
- Just as Jesus loved to use stories to teach, your stories were so relatable and delightful to hear. The anointed life in action! What a blessing you are to be spreading your messages of encouragement and challenge to the world. You are leaving us inspired, and the Holy Spirit is stirring with delight in our core. We will be giving God "more to work with," definitely!
- Wow! Thank you, Mary Sharon! Thank you for saying Yes to the Lord!
- What amazing insights! What a living grace! What a great blessing to all of us. Thank you! May God bless you as you continue your work.

RETREATS

Deacons' Wives Pentecost Retreat

- I want you to know that for me personally, I really enjoyed your fire, enthusiasm, and energy with us on this Pentecost weekend. In talking to you, and in the weekend as a whole, I felt more “sisterhood” than I have ever felt with these women. I have started reading your book *Anointed for a Purpose*, and I don't want to put it down.
- Mary Sharon, you are a blessing to all of us. Thank you for bringing the Spirit to life for us this weekend!
- Thank you, Mary Sharon, for your warmth and inspiration, and for encouraging us to live Pentecost as a verb! We are blest to have spent this weekend with you!

“Courageous Conversations” Women's Weekend Retreat

- My life was changed after I experienced Mary Sharon and then read her book, *Anointed for a Purpose*. I was so broken last year at this time, and this “Courageous Conversations” retreat has given me hope and direction. It was a life-changing experience!
- Mary Sharon, you came along at the perfect time in my life—your message is just the thing for me *right now*.
- Thank you, Mary Sharon, for sharing your joy in the Lord and for your many thought-provoking insights. I'm trying very hard to listen to God these days. You gave me hope!
- What a blessing, what a challenge! Thank you for being present to us, and for sharing so deeply of yourself.
- This retreat was an answer to my prayers, and I actually heard God's conversation!
- Mary Sharon, your words are a blessing. Thank you so much for the inspiration and love you have given us, and for your faithfulness to God's calling.
- Mary Sharon, I see God in your face. May God continue to bless you with peace and with joy.
- I thank God for bringing you into my life. The timing has been incredible. Praise God for your ministry!

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

Two-day Lenten Clergy Retreat

- I liked everything about this retreat!
Especially a sense of tools I can take home and use.
- The Lectio Divina reflection and sharing gave us time to listen deeply to one another. It added a lovely rhythm to our retreat.
- Mary Sharon, your deep prayer life is a witness to us and shines forth.
- What really worked for me in this retreat was the ambience of the room and the simplicity of the way you helped us to open up to one another. Thank you for reminding me of the deep well of prayer—I need to tap into that well more deeply, and more regularly.
- Mary Sharon, thank you for opening up the Word, and the Spirit at work in the Word in our midst. You have much joy in the Word of God, and you shared it beautifully!
- Mary Sharon, I am so glad I experienced this weekend with you and fellow clergy! You are a wonderful and caring teacher to souls like us.
- Mary Sharon, you created a beautiful bridge between Good Friday and Easter, showing us a hidden, spiritually mature joy in Good Friday, and the mourning that crops up in the Easter scriptures. And I am grateful for the beautifully designed retreat journal.
- Thank you for sharing so intimately, and spontaneously, about your prayer life in response to the bishop's question, "Speak to us of prayer." Nothing rehearsed. Your words simply flowed. Your delivery was exquisite! Beautiful!
- This was a real "retreat." Dimmed lights, a few candles, the sacred icons, driftwood and sand. And the music, the gentle chime. It all ministered to us!
- Mary Sharon, as a member of the clergy I should be reflecting on Scripture daily. But this retreat actually made me sit down and do the work. What a revelation!
- I'm grateful for the pace of each talk, that each segment was just the right length. Your content and delivery style really spoke to our pastoral hearts. The little dance in your step, your unforced smile, your depth of sharing of Scripture and tradition, all of this sharpens my own sense of delivery and connection with my people.
- Thank you, Mary Sharon, for the helpful questions for reflection at the end of each talk. You gave me a way to get more deeply into the material. Sometimes, with Scripture, I think I know it all. You gave me much to chew on!
- Mary Sharon, the real grace in this retreat was the chance to talk with you one-to-one, something that is much needed among clergy who have a lot on their shoulders.
- Believe it or not, you shared stories that helped me to relate to what I am going through right now. You put things in perspective for me!
- Mary Sharon, all through this Lenten retreat I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. You inspired me to reevaluate how I look at things—especially in areas of resistance.

It's not myself I preach but Christ Jesus as Lord,
and myself as your servant, for Jesus' sake.
(see 2 Corinthians 4:5)

Seasonal & Topical Retreats

- Mary Sharon, thank you for leading our parish's Advent retreat on Saturday, and for your skill at bringing forth deep knowledge and understanding from Scripture.
- Thank you again for the gift of your Advent retreat for our parish. People continue to tell me either how much they needed it, or how much they received from you, or how blessed they were by your time with us. It truly was a blessed morning!
- Mary Sharon, thank you for coming out to our little parish for the three sessions on the Scriptures for Lent. I felt you did an excellent job. You have a nice easy way about you. A very gentle spirit that invites people to reflect and share.
- Thank you so much for sharing your inspiring insights with our neophytes and RCIA team at tonight's retreat. Your work is clearly the fruit of the Holy Spirit who blesses and enlivens your diligent prayer and study. And thank you for enriching and strengthening the Church by your life-giving ministry!
- Mary Sharon, you have a true gift of wit. You engage us, carry us, and then you deliver the lesson. Wow!
- Thank you for your beautiful ministry to the people of St. Anne's Church. You so clearly live out your own "anointing for a purpose." Please know that you blessed many lives during this special weekend, and that the Spirit continues to reverberate through the parish as a result!
- Mary Sharon, thank you for this Rule of Life Retreat weekend! Your honest-down-to-earth way of "awakening" us was just what I needed at this point in my journey. You brought such focus to the places where I've needed it the most.
- I had a wonderful experience on Thursday. You probably did not know it, but before lunch, you left Mary Sharon and Jesus was the one looking at me and talking to me. I don't know how else to explain it: I saw Jesus in you and that gives me strength on my journey.
- Mary Sharon, thank you so much for leading our retreat at St. Mark's Lutheran Church last Wednesday. One of our J.O.Y group commented that we showed that "older Norwegians" could have a retreat after all. I was especially pleased with the leadership you provided and the quiet way you moved through the morning. We had a robust turnout, and that says something!

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

WORKSHOPS

Liturgical Ministers Master Class

- What an enriching, spirit-filled and joyful workshop this has been. I learned so much. Mary Sharon brings important spiritual and technical issues to the forefront.
- Mary Sharon, you taught me the power of words and what lectoring means to the assembly. This master class is a “must” for lectors to grow in their ministry.
- I especially appreciated the biblical insights and your emphasis on “sacred space”—and the importance of our presence and respect in adding dignity to it.
- Lectoring is far more important and more serious than I ever imagined. Thank you for waking me up!
- Mary Sharon, your very person demonstrates the message of liturgical ministry! Your stories enlivened the teaching. This master class was a prayerful, joyful sharing/working retreat for the body of Christ!
- Mary Sharon, your faith shines ever so brightly as you open up to us the riches of liturgical ministry. Thank you for sharing!
- You speak with genuine enthusiasm for liturgy and liturgical ministry. This master class was dynamic and inspirational. The insights we received will enrich the whole parish.

Charism Discernment

- I hold deep gratitude in my heart for the abundance of blessings that God bestowed on me in this workshop. One blessing was being in your radiant presence. You are truly a living witness to the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for allowing our Lord to work through you, your generosity, kindness, joy, humility, and openness. Your heart inspired mine!
- We LOVED Mary Sharon! She did an excellent job on the workshop. She is so skilled and obviously has a charism for teaching. She is so comfortable and natural and relaxed in her presentation that it feels like you are gathered around a coffee table discussing instead of sitting in a room with 150 other people.
- I can’t begin to express the love and joy you imparted to our parish last weekend. Several workshop participants have shared what they discovered about themselves and the Holy Spirit! You truly were a blessing to our parish, our pastor, and the people who attended. Every time you called a break I thought “No, no, they might leave!” But they didn’t! Our pastor was just flabbergasted at the number of participants. Thank you again for all you gave us!
- Thank you for your time, for your encouragement, and kind and gentle discernment in the Lord. May our Lord continue to use you to be a blessing in the lives of others as you were to me.

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

Keynote: “Charity? or Systems Change?”

Mary Sharon, thank you for your inspiring, challenging, delightful presentation. It was just a real cut above what we usually see. You are a real professional in what you do, and we were very pleased to have you in our midst. We are in awe, and we thank you very much!

“Living in God’s Economy”

- I loved the variety of activities, the pace, and the well-developed materials for families. And your work was Scripture based. Thank you for this!
- You arranged the lunch break so that we could easily share ideas with other families. We felt a new sense of “belonging.”
- Living simply has been trending for some time. But you gave it a Scripture-based Christian focus. The small-group discussions were great, as well as the broadness of the material.
- Mary Sharon, your talk on “living with less money” was important because my family doesn’t have “less money.” We have enough and more than enough. Hearing it here with my children present hopefully will help them to realize what Mom and Dad have been trying to tell them—let’s live simply, for the sake of the Gospel!
- How special you are in His sight and ours! I loved your God’s Economy workshop. I have already put many of your points into practice—turning off the clutter of every sort. And I shared your workshop ideas with a friend who has begun to change her family’s practices so they can be more lovingly present to one another and live lighter on the Earth.

“Vocation Discernment in Midlife and Beyond”

- You enriched us all at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in so many ways. And a great sense of she-speaks-our-language. And the rich content—much of which was new to most of us! And the delivery. Your humor and stories were wonderful! I’m humbled to realize how detailed and thoughtful your preparation was for our small band of seekers. You made it easy for me to present this forum. You are to be cherished!

Schedule Mary Sharon for your next retreat, workshop, or master class at catholicspeakers.com.

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.

Retreat participant

More comments ...

- Mary Sharon inspires us all to love in action.
- Thank you for urging us to speak up and be an anointed part of the body politic!
- Your slides were very helpful to me! The event journal is absolutely the best way to incorporate your contents—with hearing, seeing, and writing.

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