

# DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT

Equipping laity to be the  
public face of Christ

with Catholic evangelizer, author & teacher

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## WHY “DARE TO BELIEVE”

Today’s world desperately needs the vision, justice, and hands-on work 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.**

Mary Sharon is clear about our threefold challenge today:

- (1) **to discern** God’s justice, mercy, and love for a world in disarray;
- (2) **to accept** that we are anointed and equipped for work in these times; and
- (3) **to actually deliver** to the world the goods of the reign of God.

The world is on fire, and this is no time to be concerned with unimportant things.

*St. Teresa of Avila*

## THE DARE TO BELIEVE PROCESS

1. **A two-day Pastoral Leaders Inservice** for diocesan or regional pastoral leaders, faith formators, Catholic educators: foundation for your DARE TO BELIEVE parish application
2. **A weekend Parish Immersion** for laity engaged in the life of the church and life in the world
3. **A weekend Family Camp** for home church
4. **A weekend Youth Challenge** for senior high
5. **A weekend Youth Challenge** for junior high
6. **Accountability Circles:** Guided small groups for spiritual growth, discernment, and accountability for engagement in the world
7. Pentecost **Visioning Day**
8. Ongoing **Rapid Response Networks**
9. **Quarterly Check-ins** plus consultation with pastoral and catechetical leaders as needed

## BENEFITS TO YOUR PARISH

1. **A shared clarity** on what Jesus and the Gospels ask of us in our times
2. **A shared discernment** of the local church’s mission
3. **A shared ownership** of the church’s presence in society
4. **A shared accountability** that “ups the engagement” for everyone in the concerns of their community and beyond

## DESIRED OUTCOMES

1. **Lay men and women receptive** to Jesus’ invitations to compassionate and courageous moral social witness
2. **Lay men and women responding** creatively and generously to the needs of those who lack agency
3. **Lay men and women committed** to bringing forth the goods of the reign of God for all to enjoy

Mary Sharon evangelizes hot off the pages of Scripture, and teaches with lively stories.  
Her love for Jesus, for sacrament, and for the church is evident.



An evangelizing missionary for over twenty years, Mary Sharon Moore unites a living love of Jesus and the riches of scripture and sacrament with a pastoral heart for the church.

Recognized for her honest talk on the nature of God’s calling, Mary Sharon gently and irresistibly nudges people out of the “good enough zone” and opens up horizons of invitation, possibility, and the urgency of mission.

Visit Mary Sharon’s page at CATHOLIC SPEAKERS ORGANIZATION  
[catholicsspeakers.com](http://catholicsspeakers.com)

**DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT** calls forth the urgency for church to be fully engaged in a world marked by anguish, alienation, and deep discouragement. Through Scripture, stories, and clear teaching, **MARY SHARON MOORE** shows us how it's done.



### **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.

She has a certificate in Catholic Social Teaching from the McGrath Institute, University of Notre Dame; and in the ministry of spiritual direction from Queen of Angels Monastery, Mount Angel OR.

Mary Sharon is author of seven books, and her numerous articles have appeared in Catholic and secular magazines and newspapers. She makes her home in Eugene, Oregon.

### **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 and for others in the world.

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

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

### **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, Diocese of Great Bend, Kansas*

Mary Sharon has a profound spirituality, a warm, winning personality, a passion for God and His people, and is always thoroughly prepared.

*Rev. Michael Fones, OP, Western Dominican Province*

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*

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

*Workshop participant*

**To learn more, or to schedule Mary Sharon, please visit [Catholic Speakers Organization](http://CatholicSpeakersOrganization.com)  
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