

DARE TO BELIEVE, RISE UP TO ACT  
Equipping Laity to be the Public Face of Christ

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“Because I am a committed follower of Jesus, my community and my people matter to me,” writes Catholic author, speaker, and teacher Mary Sharon Moore.

“And because I care about my world, I care about my church—which includes you,” she continues in her introduction to *Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act*. “Together we have a mission, a particular and urgent work of justice and love to do in our world, in our place and time.”

Rich in stories, clear in teaching, and energizing in message, *Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act* gives laity and pastoral leaders alike a straightforward path “through apprenticeship to assignment,” where the demands of the Gospel are real.

As her most powerful statement to date, *Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act* is Mary Sharon’s urgent plea to awaken the laity to the power of their anointing for the good of this world—which God still so loves. The call to action? Local churches mobilizing through Rapid Response Networks.

For over twenty years Mary Sharon’s guiding image has been Jesus’ invitation to Peter to get out of the boat and to walk to him on the uncertain surface of the stormy sea, in the darkest hour. Peter hoists himself out of the boat and begins to walk toward the One who calls him.

We are in similar circumstances in our times, notes Mary Sharon—the same stormy sea, the same darkest hour. And the same Lord calls us, now, to hoist ourselves out of our boat and walk, despite the impossibility of it all.

*Dare to Believe, Rise Up to Act* includes a parish toolkit to build a “Dare to Believe” culture among your people, ideal preparation for Mary Sharon’s DARE TO BELIEVE parish process.

Mary Sharon Moore is a Catholic author, speaker, teacher, and spiritual director whose practice spans the United States. Learn more at [marysharonmoore.com](http://marysharonmoore.com).

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