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Words from our Blessed Mother Mary from My Devotional

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I don't know about you, but during these past weeks several of my friends have been undergoing severe trials: cancer, car accidents, death of loved ones. Such ordeals shake our faith and we wonder, Why do we suffer? and even, Is there a good God? At our chicken barbecue last month, during a random reading from my book "Heart to Heart with Mary," a woman heard our Blessed Mother urging her to let go. At the conclusion, the woman confided to me that her daughter had recently died. Mary's message touched her heart, brought tears to her eyes, and gave me goosebumps. In case you are in need of some comforting, encouraging words, here is

another excerpt from my book:

Firming Up Faith

October 10



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My child, as I held the infant Jesus in my arms and he drew sustenance from me, I marveled at this mystery that I should be feeding God. It was incredible. I'm sure there are days when you find it hard to believe that almighty God became a human being. Many people don't accept that Jesus is God, especially considering the way he died. You are further challenged to believe in the miracle that bread and wine are transformed into Jesus, allowing him to feed you. At times doubt gnaws at your faith. You question what the Church teaches and are left in a quandary. You know that many other people, even good people, do not share your faith.

Whenever your faith wavers, don't worry. If you reach out your arms to me, I will shore up your faith so it doesn't collapse. Ask me to pray for you to the Holy Spirit, the one who made the Incarnation possible. This Holy Spirit who once filled the hearts of frightened apostles with faith, will fill your heart with it too.

L Talk to Mary about doubts you may have about the faith. She is a good listener.

By the way, October is the month of Rosary, and we celebrated the feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7. Praying this rhythmic, time-honored prayer soothes tired, aching, and worried hearts. Mary recommended it when she appeared at Lourdes and Fatima.



What gives you strength and renews your hope when you encounter trials that shake you faith?

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Jesus ordered us to make disciples of all nations and teach them. Mary Kathleen, a Sister of Notre Dame from Chardon, Ohio, responds to this call through writing, speaking, giving retreats, and teaching. Her motto, adopted from Eddie Doherty's gravesite, is "All my words for the Word!"

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Speaking from my own experience, prayer, devotion to the rosary, receiving the sacraments (especially confession and the Holy Eucharist gives me great sustinence.

If you pray with a sincere heart and receive the the Holy Eucharist and Blood of Christ with a contrite heart, the healing/answer always come from Jesus or Mary when I unatleast expect it.

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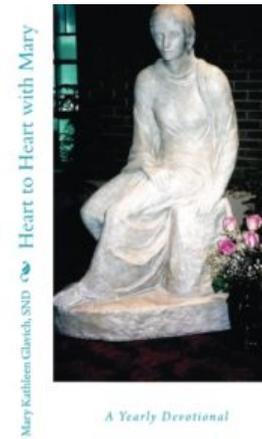
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Newest Book

In "Heart to Heart with Mary: A Yearly Devotional" Our Blessed Mother speaks to us every day of the year and a suggestion is provided for a response. It is similar to the popular book "Jesus Calling" and can be found on Amazon or purchased from me.

Featured Book

Totally Catholic! A Catechism for Kids and Their Parents and Teachers

Do you wish you had a simple, child-friendly summary of what Catholics believe? This book took first place in the Association of Catholic Publishers awards 2014 in the category of Children's Books. It can be purchased from Pauline Books and Media or from me. (\$14.95)

A Heavenly Book

Do you believe in angels? Most people do. The Catholic Companion to Angels offers heavenly facts about these majestic creatures, confirming that you can turn to them for help. Uniquely, The Angels comes with three covers (statue, stained-glass, or painting). Choose the one you like best.

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My First Novel!

The Fisherman's Wife is the story of St. Peter's spouse, the long-suffering but delightful woman who puts up with Peter and his obsession with the itinerant preacher named Jesus. Through her we meet Peter, Jesus, and other biblical characters. In Capernaum she witnesses Jesus' healings and hears his words. The book is based on the Gospels, legends, and what is known about first-century Jewish women. The rest is sheer imagination. Order directly from me FOR AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY at kglavich@ndec.org.

A Bit of Humor

A Slow Student During indoor recess, the third and fourth graders were playing school. Taking part in the game, the teacher, Sister Janet, sat at a child's desk. Adam, who was playing the teacher, came up to her and asked, "And just how many years have you been kept back?" (from "Why Is Jesus in the Microwave?")

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