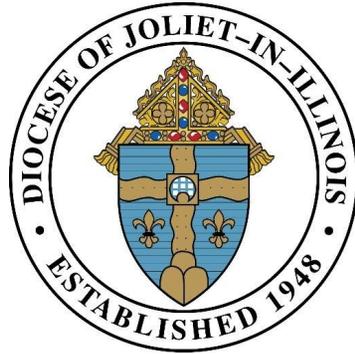


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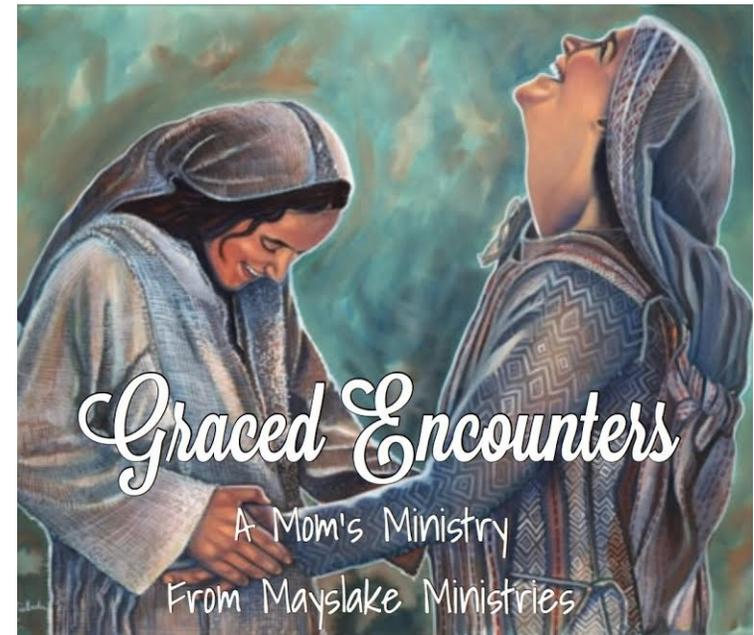
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*“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she
laughs at the time to come.*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the
teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

*She looks well to the ways of her household and
does not eat the bread of idleness.*

Her children rise up and call her blessed”

Proverbs 31: 25-31

Welcome to Graced Encounters:

A Mom's Ministry sponsored by Mayslake Ministries in partnership with the Diocese of Joliet!

As Catholic women it is often difficult for us to find sufficient time to take care of our spiritual life because we are so busy juggling the demands of raising children, working, and caring for our families.

Mayslake Ministries understands your needs and has created a special program with moms in mind! Graced Encounters offers women from all walks of life five spiritual avenues to help deepen their faith in Christ:

Formation

Affirmation

Information

Transformation

Hope

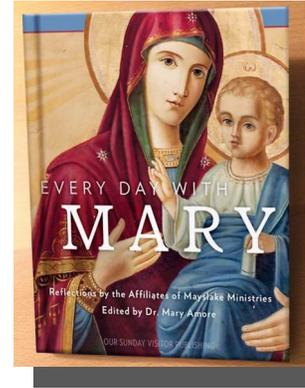
Through parish presentations, inspiring online videos and blogs, prayer experiences and retreats, mom's can find valuable resources for their spiritual life at Mayslake Ministries. Our Mom's Ministry Team is comprised of five Catholic mothers who are passionate about helping moms of all ages to experience the presence of Christ in the midst of their busy lives.

There's an old saying that goes, "We can only give what we have first received." In order for us to pass on the Catholic faith to our children, we must choose to put our relationship with Jesus first so that we can joyfully share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our family, friends and with all those God sends our way. We look forward to hearing from you!

Blessings,

Dr. Mary Amore

Executive Director



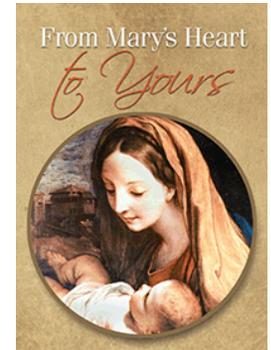
Every member of our team is a co-author of this new 365 day devotional. *Every Day with Mary* offers beautiful reflections on the life of our Blessed Mother and her influence on our daily lives.

Order your copy today by calling our offices at 630-852-9000.

Also from Mayslake Ministries, Dr. Mary Amore has a wonderful DVD with reflections on the Blessed Mother.

This DVD is formatted to allow for group discussion and reflection.

Please call 630-852-9000 to order your copy.



SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH:

The Graced Encounters Mom's Ministry team has created a Facebook page specifically for mothers who want to discuss, share and reflect on topics relevant to the spiritual needs of women raising their families in the Catholic Church.

This page is moderated by our team and will offer many tips, suggestions, online book clubs and spiritual friendship. We invite you to join us on Facebook by searching

"Graced Encounters by Mayslake Ministries"



Gina Sannasardo is a young wife, and mother to two children. She is a Catholic-school educator and Christian life coach (CPC, ELI-MP), and radio show host. Gina is a team member of the Mom's Ministry Program at Mayslake Ministries. Her passion in ministry is about helping others experience God's love!

Some of Gina's Programs include:

- Petals and Prayers
- Infusing Faith into your Business
- 7 Steps to Reclaim Your life: Love the Life You Want to Live

The Mom's Ministry Team at Mayslake Ministries

is comprised of a diverse group of Catholic women whose life experiences include:

- Working in the business world
- Stay at home
- Home schooling
- Catholic and Public School education
- Working from home

Our Mom's Ministry Team is here to assist you in planning and holding a successful event that will enrich the faith lives of the women in your parish as they encounter the joys and challenges of raising a family.

To schedule one of our Mom's Ministry Team Members to present at your parish, please contact Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 or email at Mamore@mayslakeministries.org

Graced Encounters: A Mom's Ministry Kit for parishes

Mayslake Ministries is here to help busy moms in your parish receive the necessary spiritual support and formation during this joyous yet often challenging time of life.

Kit Includes:

- A step-by-step guide on how to set up a Mom's Ministry from ground zero.
- Job descriptions (for ministry's leadership team)
- Advertising and Meeting Schedule Calendar Template
- Advertising Plan with corresponding templates (including social media, Bulletin, Mass announcements)
- Forms (signage, sign up sheets, questionnaires, surveys.)
- Suggested resources; books, discussion guides and prayers.
- Ice breakers for meetings.
- Agenda/lesson plan for each meeting.
- Proposed speaker list for kick off events, etc.

Mom's Ministry Kit Pricing Levels

\$500

- Access to Templates and Guides for starting a Moms' Ministry
- 30 minute Phone or Video call consultation
- • 1 Copy of our new book Every Day with Mary 10% discount on any additional book copies
- • 10% discount on future bookings for Mayslake Ministries speakers and programs
- **\$1,000 Previous Level PLUS**
- DVD on Blessed Mother and discussion guide
- • 30 minute in person consultation for 2 people at Mayslake Ministries

\$1,500 Previous 2 Levels PLUS

- Live Program with affiliate of your choice
- • On-Site 1 hour Consultation for your group

Graced Encounters Team



Lauren Nelson is married and the mother of two little girls, ages 7 and 4. Lauren holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Dominican University and serves as the Director of Communications and Media at Mayslake Ministries. With a love for religious education and family ministry, Lauren enjoys teaching Religious Education at her home parish to first and second graders. A co-author of *Every Day with Mary*, a 365 Day devotional from Mayslake Ministries, Lauren is the creator of the online video series, “Lunches with Lauren,” as well as two online retreats at Mayslake Ministries.

Some of Lauren’s Programs include:

- Shoelaces and Ribbons: Undoing the Knots of Motherhood with Our Lady Undoer of Knots
 - Lectio Divina through Coloring
 - Mary: The Original Superheroine and Finding Our Superpowers
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Meg Bucaro is married and the mother of three school age children. A communications coach, Meg serves as an adjunct college instructor, and is a past member of the Rockford Diocesan Pastoral Council, a co-contributor to *Every Day with Mary* and a regular contributor to *CatholicMom.com*. The founder of the Moms Ministry at St. Thomas More in Elgin, IL, Meg enjoys speaking to moms in the throes of motherhood today. Meg is the creator of our popular “Mornings with Meg” video series and the co-author of our Lenten online retreat, “Rising from the Ashes.”

Some of Meg’s Programs include:

- Heaven Help Me
- The Modern Superwoman Syndrome



Nanci Lukasik-Smith holds a Certificate in Lay Leadership through the University of St. Mary of the Lake, and a Certificate of Catholic Theology from the University of Notre Dame S.T.E.P. program. Nanci is married and is a mom and grandmother. A catechist for over 25 years with a focus on sacramental preparation, Nanci serves as a Director of Religious Education for St. Mary Nativity in Joliet. Nanci also co-authored the devotional from Mayslake Ministries, *Every Day with Mary*.

Some of Nanci’s Programs include:

- Walking with the Spirit
 - Partners in HIS plan
 - Unique Way of Perfect
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Katie Choudhary is the Assistant to the Director of Life Long Faith Formation at the Cathedral of Saint Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois. She also is the coordinator for the parish's Be My Witness program and co-leads adult faith formation sessions. Katie holds an MEd in Educational Leadership from Lewis University. She lives with her husband Mushtaq and their three children in Joliet, Illinois. She does her best to balance three children with life threatening food and environmental allergies: one child in parochial school, one child homeschooled, and one toddler throwing laundry down the stairs.

Some of Katie’s Programs include:

- How to be Present at Mass while Juggling Kids
- Using Social Media to Pray
- Where do I start?: Spending time in Adoration