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Melanie Rigney loves almost nothing better than talking and writing about how women can be inspired and sustained by female saints and women in the Bible. Her next book, forthcoming from Bayard Inc. in January 2024, focuses on eight unnamed women who encountered Jesus in the Gospels, and what we can learn from them. Melanie's booklet about 15 days of praying with St. Bernadette of Lourdes will be published for Lent 2024.

Melanie's other books include *Radical Saints: 21 Women for the 21st Century*; *Woman of Worth: Prayers and Reflections for Women Inspired by the Book of Proverbs*; and *Menopause Moments: A Journal for Nourishing Your Mind, Body, and Spirit in Midlife*. Melanie is best known as a regular contributor to *Living Faith* and *CatholicMom.com* and for her page-a-day devotionals, *Sisterhood of Saints* and *Brotherhood of Saints*.

Melanie travels from Washington, DC. She can tailor her presentations from full-blown weekend retreats to 20-minute interactive discussions virtual or in person, based on your needs. As the owner of a Catholic women's conference, she's very sensitive to financial constraints and is happy to work within your budget.



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PRESENTATIONS and RETREATS

Unforgettable: Unnamed Women of the Gospels and What We Can Learn from Them. The woman at the well. The woman healed by a touch. The widow at Nain. We know them only by where they were or what they did. But Jesus knew them. He knew all about them—just as he knows about us. The big questions: What happened to them after their encounter with grace? What happens to *us* after our encounters with grace?

Modern-Day Women Saints: Radical Faith. Learn more about some of the dozens of women saints who lived in the 20th century. At their deaths, they ranged in age from nine to ninety-three. They were women religious, wives, and even children. But their rock-solid faith and devotion to Christ, regardless of the personal cost, provide great examples to us today.

The 7 Joys and 7 Sorrows of Mary. It's tempting to think of the Blessed Virgin Mary as someone who might not understand the challenges of life today. Resist that temptation. Like us, Mary knew great joy—the birth of her Son, for example—and great sorrow—his death, which she was powerless to stop. In her life as in ours, joy and sorrow often intermingled. But through it all, she trusted in God's plan for her, just as we are called to do.

The Proverbs 31 Woman of Worth and You. She's a wife, mother, and astute businesswoman. She weaves, she spins, she serves. Yes, we know the woman of worth gets up before dawn, but how does she do it all? Through faith, the faith that's there for the offering for each of us.

Rejoice and Be Glad! The Beatitudes are beautiful and simple in concept... but so hard to live. Learn what the Catholic women saints—some well known, some you may not have heard of—can teach us today about living Jesus's challenges set forth in the Sermon on the Mount.

Your Life with the Saints... and How to Become One. They prayed, they laughed, they cried, they got angry. Some traveled thousands of miles for Christ; others never left their hometowns. Some had deaths only satan could have orchestrated; others died peacefully in their sleep. In other words, our Church's saints were people very much like we are today! We'll look at our own gifts and the ways in which we are called to be saints to others.