

# Melanie Rigney:

## At Your Service



Melanie Rigney loves bringing people closer to Christ through Bible study and the Catholic saints. She is the author of numerous Bible studies and books about the saints. Her most recent title is *12 Unforgettable Men of the Gospels: Reflections and Portraits of the Apostles*. Her *Unforgettable Women of the Gospels: 8 Unnamed Women in Scripture and Their Encounters with Jesus* was a selection of the Association of Catholic Publishers' CatholicsRead program in summer 2024. She is also a regular contributor to *Living Faith*.

Melanie travels from Washington, DC. She can tailor her presentations from full-blown weekend retreats to 20-minute interactive discussions, virtual or in-person. Below is a sampling of recent presentation; Melanie is also happy to create material based on your needs. References are available.

**The Apostles and You.** Thomas doubted. Peter denied. James and John jockeyed for status. Nathanael questioned whether anything good could come out of Nazareth. The apostles--icons of faith, pillars of the Church--were ordinary men with extraordinary flaws. And yet, Jesus took them as they were and led them to change the world. Delve into how they can help us today.

**Unnamed Women of the Gospels.** 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. What happened to them after their encounter with grace? What happens to us after our encounters with grace?

**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. Verses are dissected and applied to today's women's lives.

**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.

**Living on a Prayer:** How's your prayer life going? Need an infusion of new energy... or introspection? We'll talk about the origins of our Church's formal prayers, and learn more about the lives of those who helped define our styles of prayer. Participants will have the opportunity to experience communal and individual, mental and vocal, form and spontaneous prayers. We'll also talk about making time for prayer and what to do when the well has run dry.

