

## EXPLORING SCRIPTURE

- “Praying with Scripture, Growing in Wisdom and Holiness” – a presentation with overview on how to use the bible in prayer and practice of simple methods to pray with scripture.
- “What Child is This?” Advent reflection examines the names for the Messiah in the Old Testament and includes praying the Advent O Antiphons.
- “Journey through Death to Life” Lenten reflection helps us appreciate the journey of discipleship with Jesus to the cross and new life.

Recommended for adult faith formation, RCIA, other parish organizations, religious education catechists, parochial school faculty, etc. Available as a half or full-day of prayer.



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## REFLECTION

- Strategy for a Successful RCIA Program in a Church Parish
- Becoming Acquainted with Advent Personalities: Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary
- Entering Into the Paschal Mystery: An in-depth Reflection on Holy Week (2 weeks prior to Holy Week)
- Who Do You Say That I Am? - Reflections on Jesus' Questions in the Gospels

These reflective presentations are ideal for smaller parish groups (less than 30) who want to grow in their faith, individually and collectively.

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## WHY CHOOSE AN MSC SPEAKER?

Along with God's grace, your speaker selection is an important element in a successful event. With diverse backgrounds, personalities and experiences, these Marianite Sisters can speak on a variety of topics. Further, they are available to assist you in creative planning for your program. So, if what you read here captures your interest as being “just what we're looking for,” please contact the sister directly to inquire further and ascertain her availability.

## HONORARIUM

Speakers fee or honorarium is set by the Marianite Congregation. A general rule of thumb is \$100 an hour offering – up to three (3) hours. Suggested fee for a full day is \$500. Other factors include: the type of organization and nature of the event (for profit vs. non-profit), the number of participants, and the length and number of presentations. Each sister has the prerogative of negotiating up or down as she determines from the interaction.

*Note:* Additional expenses such as travel, meals and lodging are not included in the honorarium. Please make checks payable to the Marianites of Holy Cross.

*Through our prayer and our action, we contribute to the internal holiness of the Mystical Body of Christ and fulfill our duty to evangelize. (Marianite Constitutions)*

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## MARIANITES of HOLY CROSS

## SPEAKERS BUREAU



# MSC Speakers Bureau

## PLANNING A RETREAT? A TEACHERS' CONFERENCE? A PARISH MEETING?

The Marianites of Holy Cross (MSC) are a pontifical congregation of women religious dedicated to apostolic service in the Church since 1841. MSC sisters are experienced educators, presenters, and organizers. Your students, faculty or parish organizations will benefit from personally seeing an engaging and motivating speaker. Contact the sister directly to discuss arrangements. The following speakers are available to present on various topics, including:

### YOUTH RETREATS

- Beattitudes - attitudes for life
- True Power - Mercy and Love
- What is your image of God? What image do you project to God?

These retreat topics are recommended for high school students and school or religious education faculties.



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### STATE HISTORY

From 1854-1929, the Orphan Train brought more than 250,000 homeless or abandoned children from New York to rural homes across America. Sister Helen Fontenot's father was one of over 2,000 orphans who joined families in Louisiana.

**The Orphan Train presentation** runs 30 minutes and is recommended for Louisiana history students or other history enthusiasts. Sister Helen's presentation is offered gratis to groups by the Marianites.

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### VOCATION

Vocation Awareness presentation appropriate for large diocesan functions or multi-parish gatherings of young adults, etc. Large groups welcome.

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### SPIRITUALITY

- Dress for Success as a Christian: It's not Gucci, Wang or Old Navy, but St. Paul who offers the formula to dress for success.
- Spiritual Fitness: Reflection on physical fitness used to motivate practical spirituality.
- One Anothering: Passages of Scripture that are building blocks of the parish or school faith community.

Recommended audiences for these Scripture-based, inspirational, and sometimes humorous presentations include parish organizations, parochial school faculties, and catechists.



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### ECOLOGY

- The Universe Story
- A Catholic Climate Covenant: The St. Francis Pledge to Protect Creation and the Poor
- Consumerism, Recycling and Composting

A morning of reflection recommended for beginners in ecological studies, and junior high through adult audiences who want to make every day Mother Earth Day.

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### MEDITATIONS

- Katrina and our Lady of Seven Dolours: A prayerful 40 minute meditation said to be healing for high school aged students and adult groups.
- What is Truth? Pilate's dialogue with Jesus offers us life lessons with an interactive presentation recommended for parish organizations.



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### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- Fish Philosophy: a Parable for Life
- The Potter and the Clay: Scripture based motivational talk for Catholic school educators.
- True Colors: Understanding personality traits for faculty, staff, etc.

Recommended for parochial school faculty and PTA groups, also adaptable to other parish organizations.

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### REFLECTION

Mary at the Foot of the Cross - mini retreat - offers our Blessed Mother as a model for us on how to stand present to suffering. (Suited to Catholic adult groups of any size, during Lent or anytime for those who want to explore what it means to embrace the crosses that come to us on life's journey.)

### FACILITATION

Group Facilitation available for small or large parish or school meetings, Pastoral Council discernment, etc.



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