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*Whatever you do
for your family,
your children, your
husband, your wife,
you do for God.
All we do, our prayers,
our work, our suffering,
is for Jesus.*

// St. Mother Teresa

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hello! This letter is being written by both Peter and Debbie Herbeck. We are grateful for this opportunity to let you know about a new book we have written that is now available for purchase!

In *Lessons from the School of Love: Cultivating a Christ-Centered Marriage*, we share the insights, lessons, and practical wisdom we've learned throughout the past thirty-six years of marriage. If we could invite you into our home, you would see many photos and hear countless stories that reflect an ordinary family who has earnestly, yet often imperfectly, tried to love God and each other in simple-yet-significant ways. You also would see a family that has witnessed the extraordinary love of God.

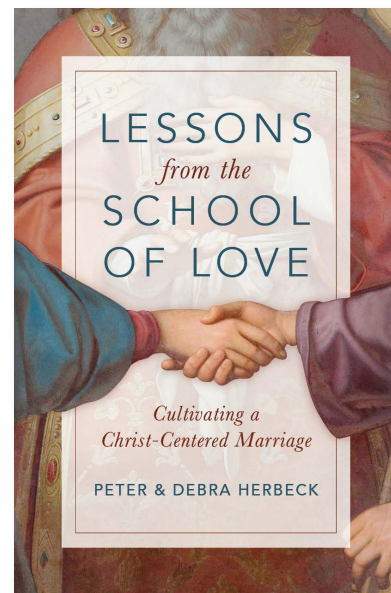
Fatima's Sr. Lucia wrote,

"The decisive battle between the kingdom of Christ and Satan will be over marriage and the family."

We speak with Catholics of all ages and stages of life who are concerned, fearful, and often overwhelmed by the current state of the world. They feel inadequate when it comes to creating a family culture that welcomes Christ's love and answers the call to discipleship.

**People need authentic
—not perfect—
witnesses to marital love
and family life.**

They need to believe that nothing is impossible for those who put their trust in the Lord. Our hope is that this book—which helps couples draw closer to each other by drawing closer to Christ and inviting Him into a substantial role in their family life—can help meet this need.



Our book title was inspired by the homily at our eldest daughter's wedding. In it, the priest remarked that many couples choose this reading for the ceremony:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Cor 13:4–8 NIV)

He reflected,

"Love never fails, isn't that wonderful?"

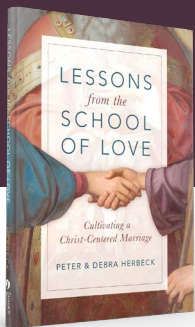
He continued,

"Actually, human love fails all the time! You are entering the Lord's school, and He's going to teach you how to love one another. You can have confidence because the Teacher is with you, and his grace is with you."

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The Reviews are in!



"This is my new handbook for implementing beautiful habits, traditions, and truths of the faith into my marriage and family culture. Peter and Debbie are courageous witnesses to the love and joy of a life lived with Jesus and I can't thank them enough for this gift."

// Jenna Guizar
Founder and Creative Director
of *Blessed Is She*

"Short, easy to read, personal, and honest. This is not a theoretical tome on Catholic marriage but a real-life sharing of a real-life couple and their family that many will be inspired and helped by."

// Fr. Mathias Thelen
President of Encounter Ministries
and Pastor of St. Patrick
Catholic Parish

"With honest realism and beautiful vulnerability, Peter and Debbie tackle the difficult questions of marriage from a Christian perspective. I am certain that every Catholic couple will benefit immensely from reading it, discussing it, and implementing it in their marriages and families."

// Bishop Scott McCaig, CC
Military Ordinary of Canada

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In this School of Love, we must learn to die to ourselves—something most of us don't know how to do well yet. But that's OK—because we are still learning. We are a work in progress, and the Lord is teaching us.

This book begins with the stories of our families of origin and takes readers through our married life together. Readers will discover how we learned to say, "Please forgive me," and to honor each other with our speech (even when fighting). It describes how we discovered the infinite value of the hidden tasks that make up much of early family life. It also discusses how we navigated the teen years, built family traditions and routines that included the Lord as a part of both the everyday and special moments of life, kept lines of communication open during busy seasons of work and parenting, and currently support and love our now-grown children and grandchildren.

There were times of struggles and uncertainty in our marriage and family life—when it was hard to see beyond the week, let alone believe that God would bring good out of it all. Writing the book has helped increase our gratitude for God's goodness and our hope for our family's future generations.

We've received questions about this book's intended audience. It can help a young couple get their marriage off to a solid start. It also can help couples in the thick of parenting, and couples like ourselves, who are enjoying the bless-

ings of grandchildren. All can benefit from the discussions of self-sacrificial love and the call to greater communication and putting Christ at the center of their life together. It may even help college-age children intentionally consider what they want for their own marriages and families one day.

Writing this book definitely helped us learn to communicate on an even greater level. We have such different temperaments and ways of doing things! There were some humorous conversations when we realized we had very different versions of the same memory. In some ways, writing the book together was a small analogy of our married life together—dedication to a purpose, perseverance and diligence, and complementarity.

At the end of the book, we have provided discussion questions that provide readers with opportunities to deepen their communication. As we say in the book, "Three's not a crowd!" We hope couples can take this section to prayer and, with the Lord's grace and guidance, find ways to help their unique families walk more closely with the Lord and build or strengthen a heritage that honors and reflects Him.

Please know you are in our prayers!

In Christ,

Peter & Debbie Herbeck



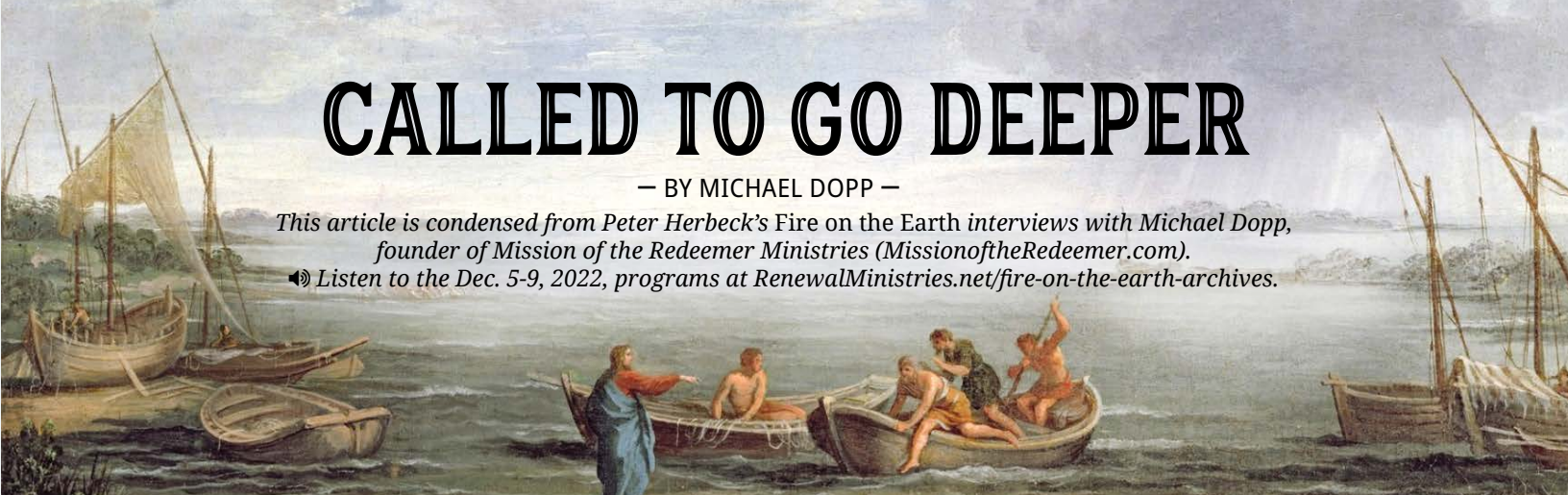
The Herbeck Family 2021

CALLED TO GO DEEPER

— BY MICHAEL DOPP —

This article is condensed from Peter Herbeck's Fire on the Earth interviews with Michael Dopp, founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries (MissionoftheRedeemer.com).

🔊 *Listen to the Dec. 5-9, 2022, programs at RenewalMinistries.net/fire-on-the-earth-archives.*



The focal point of my life was World Youth Day (WYD) in Rome. Forty-nine of the fifty students in my group were involved in Catholic Christian Outreach. One student—me—came after seeing a poster. The Lord's generosity in that has always struck me. He had posters sent to every parish in Canada just for me.

I saw a joy in the hearts of the other college students that I hadn't seen before—and I wanted it. I had been raised Catholic and my friends were Catholics, but I hadn't experienced the joy of the Lord the way I saw it in their hearts.

I had everything else going for me. Life was great—but at WYD, I saw that God had more for me.

PUTTING JESUS AT THE CENTER

After WYD, I spent an afternoon praying in Assisi. It was really the first time I had ever prayed. I had said Hail Marys, prayed when I wanted a Nintendo, and prayed before eating, but I'd never spoken to the Lord and listened to Him. I surrendered:

*"Jesus, I want You to be
Lord of everything.*

*I no longer want myself at the center;
I want You at the center."*

There was a peace that I had not experienced before—my heart's deepest desires and what He was granting me aligned. This began something radically new in my life. He granted me a deep peace to know He would always be with me.

The Lord reoriented my life. Being a rich banker or CEO no longer interested me. The Lord invited me to pour out my life so other Catholics could experience Him as I had. My testimony isn't dramatic.

I wasn't a drug dealer, on the street, or far away from the Lord. My whole life was just lukewarm, and I looked out into the Church and saw so many lukewarm Catholics. I realized I could testify to what the Lord can do when we're caught in the mushy middle. The Lord has so much more for us!

That desire has never left. Most Catholics live their faith by going to Mass on Sundays and praying before they eat, and nothing more. The Lord revealed to me a vocation to ensure that people awaken to the truth that God is seeking us, and we're made for something greater than this life.

CONVERSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Without conversion, we cannot be disciples. Too often, we try to disciple people whose life is being lived for themselves and not for Him. He is not yet the Lord of their life. Once they recognize that and choose to respond to that grace, they enter discipleship.

Discipleship is like an apprenticeship. We learn from listening to Him, watching Him, and trying and doing. Giving Him our hearts begins an incredible journey.

Going deeper with the Lord conforms our lives more fully to Him. Jesus doesn't want you to scrape by and get into heaven. Jesus wants you to say, "It is no longer I who live, it is Christ who lives within me."



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self-denial, and repentance.
But complete surrender to God
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TRUE FREEDOM

Our flesh rebels against sacrifice, self-denial, and repentance. But complete surrender to God makes life free, beautiful, and great. Christ wants to crucify everything keeping us from Him—everything that makes our life less happy or less like Him. Interiorly, we receive the deepest desire of the human heart—new life in Christ.

It doesn't matter what our particular vocation is—the more He lives within us, the more we've allowed ourselves to be his disciple, the more his will unfolds in our lives, the more we become instruments of his kingdom.

FROM DISCIPLE TO MISSIONARY

Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Our mission territory is our everyday life: our family, neighborhood, coworkers, fellow parishioners, and dentist. Everywhere we go, that's where we live out our missionary vocation. There are a thousand ways that can be done.

Evangelization proposes good news: Jesus has come to save us and bring us to everlasting life, intimate friendship with Him, and communion with the Father. We don't force it on others. But when we have good news, we want to share it. What holds us back is that our hearts haven't been touched so deeply that we can't help but share. We have to taste so deeply of the Lord that we never again ask, "How can I evangelize?" We just figure it out. We find some way to share with others the Jesus that we have come to know.

THE CHOICES WE FACE 2023

This month, EWTN will begin airing the thirty-ninth season of *The Choices We Face*. This highly acclaimed program is the longest-running Catholic television show in history! Each week, hosts Ralph Martin and Peter Herbeck explore important topics concerning the faith. This season's interviews engage viewers with discussions on a wide-range of topics important to the life of a disciple of Christ.

CHECK OUT THE 2023 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS . . .



Fr. Craig Vasek · *Repent and Respond*

- Fr. Craig Vasek tells his story of being pulled out of a life of destruction to follow Jesus as a priest.

Peter & Debbie Herbeck · *The School of Love*

Peter and Debbie Herbeck talk about their new book *Lessons from the School of Love: Cultivating a Christ-Centered Marriage*.



Annie Randolph · *Jesus is Enough*

- High school senior Annie Randolph talks about the transformative power of encountering the love of God and giving everything to Him.

Dr. Kristin Collier · *For the Sake of Life*

Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine Dr. Kristin Collier shares how God's grace moved her from secular humanist to pro-life Christian.



John Bursch · *Defending Freedom*

- Lawyer John Bursch, of the Alliance Defending Freedom, embraces a call to uphold God's law amid the most pressing social issues of the day.

Pete Burak interviews Ralph Martin · *Keep Your Eyes on Jesus*

Pete Burak interviews Ralph, discussing aspects of authentic Christian leadership and the need to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.



Fr. John Burns · *Healing Through Forgiveness*

- Fr. John Burns talks about God bringing healing and freedom into places of deep brokenness and suffering.

Mike Shaughnessy · *Strategic Grandparenting*

Michael Shaughnessy, the founder of Grandly, shares his vision for inviting grandparents into youth ministry.





Danielle Brown · *Knowing Your Identity*

▶ Danielle Brown speaks about the influence of the Theology of the Body in her life and its life-giving and life-saving potential for all of us.



John Edwards · *Grace Breaks In*

John Edwards tells the story of God's grace breaking into his life after drug abuse, jail, and rehab.

Meg Hunter-Kilmer · *Radical Mission*

▶ Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer talks about being called to an itinerant life, how to approach discernment, and saints who inspire.



Mike & Alicia Hernon · *Messy Families*

Mike and Alicia Hernon of The Messy Family Project talk about mentoring and encouraging Christian families.

Fr. Dave Pivonka · *The Fruit of Faithfulness*

▶ Fr. Dave Pivonka discusses the challenges facing young people today, putting Jesus at the center, and the importance of faithfulness.

Anna Carter · *Come and See*

Anna Carter of Eden Invitation shares her experience with same-sex attraction and how God invited her to minister to others.



Daniel Keating · *The Adventure of Discipleship*

▶ Theology professor Dan Keating shares about choosing a life of consecrated celibacy and the core of Christian discipleship.

Therese Benz · *The Compassion of the Gospel*

High school theology teacher Therese Benz discusses her faith journey and teaching the beauty of the faith to high schoolers.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS . . .

This season also will feature Ralph and Peter discussing talks given by Msgr. Charles Pope, Heather Khym, and Michael Dopp. Recent episodes are available on EWTN but also can be viewed at our website, renewalministries.net/the-choices-we-face, or our YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/@renewalministries](https://www.youtube.com/@renewalministries).



- ▶ That the Lord will strengthen families, and that they, in turn, may help strengthen the Church and the world.
- ▶ That the Lord would grant us a greater understanding of the depth of his love for each of us.
- ▶ For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.

SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN RWANDA



During our time in Rwanda, we took part in a huge outdoor rally and Mass. They consecrated 10,000 hosts! Lloyd spoke on the Five Keys for personal freedom and evangelization and challenged people to not hide their gifts under baskets but to share them to bring others to Jesus. Many people shared testimonies of healing.



BY NANCY GREENHAW

Country Coordinator for Rwanda

Nancy and Lloyd Greenhaw minister in the United States, Haiti, Papua New Guinea, Ethiopia, and several other countries in Africa. They conduct missions, conferences, and retreats for adults and youth. They also are involved in prison ministry and work with the homeless.

Nancy and Lloyd live in Texas and have two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

OUR LADY OF KIBEHO

Teaching the Five Keys from Unbound comprises an important part of our work in Rwanda. The Five Keys are:

1. Repentance and Faith
2. Forgiveness
3. Renunciation
4. Taking Authority
5. The Father's Blessing

The need for the Five Keys is reflected in a church near Kibeho, where we began this mission. The church was used as a refuge during the genocide. They have repaired the red brick where the bombs blew through the wall and killed everyone. It's a terrible, bleeding wound in Rwanda's history. After every teaching of the Five Keys on forgiveness, perhaps a drop of the bleeding ceases.

After we arrived, we attended Mass outside on the grounds of the Holy Shrine of Kibeho. After Mass, Lloyd gave a reflection to the approximately two-thousand people in attendance. He challenged them to fulfill their destiny as the bearers of truth and make disciples of the nations. He told them they were specifically chosen by Our Lady of Kibeho, *the Mother of the Word*, to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of forgiveness. He told them to take the Gospel to their nation and the whole world.

THE FIVE KEYS

On Monday, we began five days of teaching on the Five Keys. After daily Mass—attended by about 150 people—the priest brought out the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration. After praise and worship, he walked around the church with Jesus, blessing people with his presence. They did this almost every day we were there. Then, Lloyd spoke to the congregation and the Five Key students who were there all week.

Our friend, Laetitia Mugabo, brought radio and television crews to film our teachings. She experienced a profound healing and has shared her testimony around the world.

In 2003, she lost a child. The doctors told her she would never have other children due to high blood pressure and other complications. In 2005, Laetitia got pregnant, and people prayed over the child in her womb. She got sick and almost died, but she recovered. Now grown, the young man is now smart, handsome, and taller than everyone else in his family.

Laetitia said,

I want to testify about the power of the Five Keys. In 2004, my heart was heavy and burdened. All my wounds were secret. I did not want to talk about them, but I was lucky. Lloyd and Nancy needed somebody to interpret, and I learned the Five

Keys and started using them daily. The fifth key—the blessing—enables me to have blessings for my children and myself.

Since that time, my pain has been removed and I can forgive. When I see people, I see Jesus. After I started living for Jesus, my life changed for the better. Now there is nothing difficult in my life. I can forgive easily, and I can accept things easily, but I'm not proud about it. I am proud of Jesus. During COVID everything stopped, so I asked them to send me a teaching on tape that I could put on TV. People were so blessed; it made a real difference in their lives.

HEALING, EVANGELIZATION, AND THE FIVE KEYS

Next, we traveled to Nyakinama Ruhengeri Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Centre, where we met Fr. Ferdinand Hagabimana. He is an amazing priest who shares powerful words of knowledge. Lloyd taught four-thousand people before Mass. They have no vehicles, so it was jaw-dropping to see so many people. There is no nearby town, and we wondered where all these people came from. They were totally on fire!

They cheered like we were rock stars. I think this was the first time an event like this had ever happened. During Mass, four-thousand voices sang in harmony! After Mass, the priest

brought Jesus in the monstrance to his people and called out a long list of particular healings. He then invited testimonies, and person after person came forward to confirm the healings he had spoken out. It was extremely powerful. Faith was really built up!

The next week, we taught several hundred participants about evangelization with the Five Keys. The people sat on skinny little benches with no seatbacks all day. They were hungry for the Good News. It was amazing to see their faces change during the week.

SHARING THE WORD IN SCHOOLS

We then had the incredible opportunity to teach all the Catholic students before Mass at Busogo University of Rwanda. About 150 youths showed up. Lloyd spoke on the Catholic faith and the fact that the Church exists to evangelize. They really responded! At the end, a large group followed us outside, asked many questions, and requested photos.

Another afternoon, we spoke to about five-hundred girls at a boarding school. The headmistress asked Lloyd to help the girls to better embrace their Catholic identity. He also challenged them that their birth was not an accident. God picked them specifically and has a purpose for their lives. He led them all in a prayer of surrendering to Jesus and forgiving those who have hurt them in the past. It was very powerful, and there were many tears.

POWERFUL HEALINGS

Later, we headed to another girls' school. Lloyd talked to them about the reality of heaven and hell and that actions have consequences. He told them they were personally chosen for this time and God has a specific plan for their lives and gifts of the Holy Spirit to help them fulfill that plan. He led them in a prayer to accept Jesus and then asked the Lord to give them the gifts and graces to succeed in life and spend eternity in heaven. They all eagerly participated!

Then, we had a beautiful and reverent Mass. Father took Jesus in the monstrance to the girls and began to give words of knowledge:

» One was that God wanted to heal a young girl who had stepped on a nail and gotten such a serious infection that the doctors were considering amputation. Later, we saw her healed. She sobbed and sobbed on the priest's alb as he comforted her.

» Another girl had been raped and was going through terrible trauma. She had not told anyone and was blown away to know that God was real and knew her pain.

» Others had stomach problems, headaches, and trauma caused by their parents' divorce. God wanted to heal all these things.

Then, the priest encouraged the girls to share their testimonies. At first, no one responded, but with a bit of encouragement, they one by one began to give their testimonies, and soon the line was out the door.

CHARISMATIC RALLY

Our time in Rwanda ended with a huge outdoor rally and Mass with more than 10,000 people. Fr. Ferdinand and other priests took the host around after Mass. People ran down from all over to give testimonies of healing.

As we prepared for our trip home, there were so many people who wanted prayer that I barely got packed in between praying for people. What an honor! This was a spectacular trip!



We ministered at a girls' school in the mountains. It was difficult to get to, and the power was out when we arrived, but God spoke to the girls' hearts in powerful ways!

EVENTS MARCH 2023

Complete event list: [RenewalMinistries.net/Events](https://renewalministries.net/Events).

MISSION

Namibia & Botswana

March 1-15

Lloyd & Nancy Greenhaw



Baton Rouge, LA **The Mission on the Mountain Healing Conference**

March 3-4

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: themissiononthemountain.com

Toronto, ON **Lift Jesus Higher Rally**

March 4

Ralph Martin, Peter & Debbie Herbeck, Pete Burak, Rachel Herbeck, & the RM Team

Details: ljhr.ca

Ann Arbor, MI **Awake, Not Woke: A Discussion with Noelle Mering**

March 7

Ralph Martin, Peter Herbeck, & Noelle Mering

Details: renewalministries.net/noelle

Lansing, MI **Diocese of Lansing Principals' Lenten Retreat***

March 9

Peter & Debbie Herbeck

Vacaville, CA **St. Joseph Parish Mission**

March 10-11

Ralph Martin

Details: stjv.org

Somerset, KY **St. Mildred's Parish Mission**

March 11

Lavinia Spirito

Details: stmildred.com

Duluth, MN **Real Presence Radio Celebration**

March 14

Ralph Martin

Details: yourcatholicradiostation.com/banquet

New Haven, IN **Fatima Apostolate of Fort Wayne-South Bend**

March 16

Ralph Martin

Details: fatimafwsb.org

Venice, FL **Faith Enrichment Afternoon Talk**

March 17

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: epiphanycathedral.org

Weston, FL **Flourish Your Faith Ministries**

March 17-18

Ralph Martin

Details: flourishyourfaith.org/flourish-conference/

Kalamazoo, MI **Council of Catholic Women Lenten Retreat**

March 18

Debbie Herbeck

Details: diokzoo.org/kdcccw

Mount Washington, KY **Women's Retreat**

March 18

Lavinia Spirito

Details: sfxmw.com

Tampa, FL **Magnificat Women's Retreat**

March 18

Dr. Mary Healy

Details: tampamagnificat.org/2023-tampa-magnificat-spring-retreat-mary-healy

Cape Coral, FL **St. Katharine Drexel Parish Mission**

March 18-22

Peter Herbeck

Details: drexelcc.org

South Bend, IN **Mind & Heart Lecture Series**

March 23

Ralph Martin

Details: hcc-nd.edu/holycrosslectureseries/

Buffalo, MN **St. Patrick Annual Women's Retreat**

March 24-26

Debbie Herbeck

Details: st-patricks.org/ministries/womens

Waikanae, New Zealand **Charis New Zealand Conference**

March 24-26

Dr. Mary Healy (speaking virtually)

Details: charisnz.com/event/charis-nz-aotearoa-national-conference/

Grand Rapids, MI **Light of Christ Community Conference***

March 25

Pete Burak

Providence, RI **Men's Conference**

March 25

Ralph Martin

Details: mosji.org/events.php#

Denton, KY **St. Mark's Parish Mission**

March 26-28

Lavinia Spirito

Details: stmarkdenton.org

Newark, NJ **Legatus***

March 28

Ralph Martin

Wichita, KS **Palm Sunday Retreat**

March 31-April 2

Ralph Martin

Details: slc.retreatportal.com/events

* Not open to the public.



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