

## Unsolicited Testimonials

- The DRE's of Virginia Beach want to extend a huge thank you and applause for the session you provided to over 130 catechists of all age learners. Sr Pat, what you shared with us and how you shared it was most wonderful, thought provoking and extremely helpful. Thank you so much for your wisdom, humor and stories that will enable all of us to be better agents of New Evangelization! (Deacon Mike Johnson, **Chairperson of Christian Formation Commission**, Diocese of Richmond, VA)
- “The evaluations were unanimous! Everyone felt your presentation was inspirational, timely, and helpful for the classroom.” (Patricia Bailey, **Assistant Superintendent**, San Diego, CA)
- “Sister has been declared ‘a national treasure’ for sharing her knowledge of the often challenging stages of growth and development of the middle-school student. She speaks with a positive voice about difficult topics, always supporting and encouraging the school and the parents. Her presentations are unmatched... combining a quick and enjoyable wit with clear insights.” (Valerie Garcia, **Principal** of Blessed Sacrament School, Alexandria, VA)
- “ You are an awesome speaker—articulate, touching and funny. You were right on target and gave useful practical advice. You suggested things we can use in our classrooms and with our families right now. . . You made sense and caused us all to assess our lives and think things through in a new way.” (Jeannine Visger, **Principal**, St. Justin School, San Jose, CA)
- “I’ve never seen such a positive response from so many teachers. Thanks to you, our teachers have been affirmed, renewed, and challenged to meet the needs of the students in their respective classes. The teachers loved the ‘real-ness’ of your presentation.” (Anne Reap, **Regional Coordinator**, Mercer County, NJ)
- “My teacher-daughter came back from your lecture with unfettered enthusiasm but grounded and rooted insights. ...” (Rick Martinez, “*Proud Father of Teacher Alice Martinez*,” Los Angeles, CA)
- “Your name keeps popping up in our Wednesday MOMS Group discussions. We were positively affected by your encouraging words and practical parenting advice. The parenting discussions based on your newsletters have drawn the most Moms to our meetings.” (Nancy Kochanik, **Coordinator**, St. John/Holy Angels Moms Group, Newark, DE)
- “That was one of the best presentations I’ve ever attended and I am a conference junkie. It was by far the best presentation on parenting, hands down. I had to keep myself in my seat, refrain from saying “Amen!” and applauding about every other sentence... For me this woman was God in the flesh: her message, her experience, her

education, her humor, her common sense ... Hers was a message of clear direction and one of hope.” (Karen Lundy, **Parent**, Immaculate Conception School, Columbus, IL)

- “Your words really hit a chord with my husband. He was totally impressed, unlike anything I’ve seen with him before. He has been to numerous business meetings and conferences and said this was better than anything he has been to before. . .” (Trish Boeckenstedt, **Parent**, Resurrection Parish, Newark, DE)
- “I admit that I went into the presentation wondering what you could tell us about parenting, and came out believing that you are the one who finally came up with the proverbial “Parenting Manual” that we all seek when we become new parents.” (Kathleen Moya, **Parent**, All Saints Catholic School, Manasses, VA)
- “Dr. McCormack was engaging, funny and so informative that I could have listened to her for another two hours! I bought her book and look forward to reading it cover to cover and perhaps even gathering a study group together to dialogue further.” (Tracy Hine, **Parent**, St. Catherine of Siena School, Reading, PA)
- “As an ADD person raising ADD people it is sometimes so hard to attend these kinds of lectures because of the lack of organized, overwhelming, boring information! Yours was none of that. You were clear, systematic and the time was peppered with laughter. I enjoyed listening to you, and feel blessed to have met you.” (Julie Winberg, **Parent**, Holy Family Regional Catholic School, Levittown, PA)
- “What an informative and inspiring evening! Many parents let me know how much they learned and enjoyed your presentation. We all look forward to reading your monthly newsletters. Thank you again for sharing your wisdom.” (Chris Barnum, **PTG President**, St. Dominic School, Benicia, CA)
- \* “I am one of the young (69-yrs) Mexican-Americans in your audience last Friday. Your presentation was so timely – current. I would have suspected I had heard all that was to be said about Mary but your presentation was new to me... and refreshing... Every minute was well spent.” (Celiaelena Meeks, **Participant** at LA Religious Education Congress, CA)
- “Our parents and teachers really enjoyed your presentation. Many of the parents commented how affirmed they felt after your talk and how much they learned from listening to your insights and ideas. They were very grateful that you came and shared with them. You have many new fans.” (Sister Mary Henrich, **Principal** of Epiphany School, Miami, Florida)
- “Thank you so much for an informative, enriching presentation... All of our guests commented on how helpful the information was and how much they learned from your talk. My husband and I talked late into the night about ways we can incorporate some of your suggestions into the daily lives of our children.” (Daphne Small, **Parent Education Committee Coordinator**, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Redwood City, CA)

- “... Your presentation was quite informative and affirmed some of the practices we are currently using in our home and gave us ideas for new ways to approach the challenges that we encounter. ... We feel like we received a special gift of wisdom, insight, and inspiration at your presentation last night.” (Paul & Kathy Sankey, **Parents**, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Colusa, CA)
- “I speak for many parents and teachers at St. Joseph parish when I say that your presentations were greatly appreciated. You have such a gift for communicating effectively – and with such warmth! We parents and teachers need all the encouragement we can get.” (Mary Vukelich, **Adult Education Coordinator**, St. Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg, PA)
- “Your presentation to our catechists, Catholic School teachers, and adult leaders was all-inclusive for the diverse participants. The evaluations were outstanding...” (Sr. Brenda Query, **Director of Adult Faith Formation**, St. Gregory the Great Parish, Virginia Beach, VA)
- “An excellent, down-to-earth, hands-on, spiritual presentation! You have wonderful content and delivery. It is hard to believe that you are not a parent.” (Unidentified **Parent**, Blessed Sacrament School, Chevy Chase, MD)
- “I recently enjoyed a class you held for our diocesan schools. You discussed the many ways to create the Catholic community in the classroom. I not only enjoyed it, but I also learned so much. I have since visited your website and have found so much great information to guide my students AND my own children! :) I especially loved the "Gospel ABCs". Would it be okay to create a poster of the "Gospel ABCs" for my classroom? I feel this is a great way to convey the important points of a gospel story as well as teach them a life lesson about their choices and the consequences... I am enthusiastic about your website and I think it's a wonderful tool for parents! (Leah Wilcox, **Teacher**, St. Anne School, Beaumont, TX)
- I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the absolutely beautiful and life-giving in-service that you led today in Victoria. I think I speak for all of the teachers present in saying that you truly motivated us to be the best that we can be in the next school year. This will be my 3rd year teaching, and I honestly feel that it will be my best yet after your inspirational words today. The Spirit moved in awesome ways today, and I think we all felt it to the depths of our souls. You are one of the most motivating presences I have ever heard speak, and I thank you so much for sharing your gifts with us today. May God continue to bless you! Thanks again for today! (Brett Hager Jr. High **Teacher**, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, TX)