

I asked a priest what I should share in 2 minutes to speak to priests. He replied, "See what the Lord wants you to say. In prayer He will guide you." So, I asked Our Lord in adoration the next day, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and this is what I heard within my heart....

Eve fell when Adam let go of her hand and watched her fall....

Magdalene rose when Jesus took her by the hand and helped her up....

Share the fall of Eve and rise of Magdalene....so that is what I'll try to do....

At the time of the retreat, I was married with 4 kids between the ages of 5 and 12. Exterioaly my life was now perfect, as Planned Parenthood promised it would be, yet interiorly I was numb and dying, as the Catholic Church knew I would be. But I didn't know any of that....

Rachel's Vineyard changed my life....the priest I spoke with at my retreat was Jesus speaking to Magdalene saying..."your sins are forgiven...go and sin no more..." That priest was the first man to hold out his hand and help me up...leading me out of, not into, all the things you are talking about this week....

And that weekend, in the little chapel in that Carmelite house, I met Jesus for the 1st time and I desired to be a part of this church that was not afraid to call a sin a sin...but first, met me with love and mercy and then, followed it with help to heal. For me, priests began as Jesus, when I couldn't find Him anywhere....then they grew to be spiritual fathers who walked me to Jesus....and now they are brothers I pray for every day and turn to when I need their help.

So I speak to you as a sister in Christ....

I needed to hear you speaking the truth with love for me to know & hear the truth...in your homilies...in your bulletin messages...in the confessional...I needed your fatherhood....

What brought me comfort in the retreat was the priest and what led me through the doors to the first Mass I attended was the priest's message in the bulletin...."the truth will set you free....:" ...for the first time since the abortion, I felt loved and had hope that I could be set free from the pain and shame I was struggling with....

I just want to ask you, as a sister, please, set us all free....as you have been called to do....as Jesus set Magdalene free....