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MISSION STATEMENT



My primary mission as a daughter of God is to faithfully provide for the care and feeding of my husband, Mel, and my daughter, Cecilia. They are my life and my joy! Second to that is my mission as a lay Catholic evangelist—a calling that has often surprised and delighted me. I give thanks to God for using me in this way, and I look forward to the continuing unfolding of this great adventure with Him.

If I had to boil down the essence of what I feel called to do, it is to *encourage* people—whether through music, storytelling, or teaching from the great Catholic spiritual writers and my own life experience. Tears in the audience (and occasionally from me) are not uncommon, and I consider them sacred. My audiences and I also laugh a lot, which I consider to be a true gift of the Holy Spirit. These audiences have ranged from women’s prayer breakfasts to Catholic leadership groups to large family conferences.

My heart burns with a desire to share the riches of our Catholic faith, especially to lapsed or lukewarm Catholics. I submit myself to the teaching authority of the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church in matters of faith and morals, and I delight in her guidance.

Favorite topics include:

- Surrender: My personal testimony (similar to the one on my Lighthouse CD, *God Will Provide*)
- Bloom Who You Are: Becoming the real you
- Deus Providebit: Trusting in God's Divine Providence
- Mary at My Door: Welcoming Mary into your heart
- The Habit of Prayer: Making time for God
- Finding Peace of Heart: A how-to guide
- Divine Mercy: A message for our times
- The Rosary: Key to peace
- True Devotion to the Holy Spirit

I also enjoy being given particular topics to research and prepare, as well as being commissioned to write songs from particular quotes or themes.

By virtue of my baptism, I have been called to become an evangelist in a world where despair, godlessness, and violence cry out for a remedy. My job is to rally the troops and encourage them to do join me in this mission to bring the Good News to the ends of the earth, starting in our own hearts, homes and parishes.

In Christ, our Hope,



BIOGRAPHY

Singer/songwriter and inspirational speaker **Kitty Cleveland** began her professional career as a lawyer, university instructor and career counselor. But in an adoration chapel one day in 1998 during a devastating family crisis, she clearly heard the Lord call her to become a "music missionary."

Kitty enthusiastically heeded the call and has since released 11 CDs of music and prayer--including two CDs with Lighthouse Catholic Media. She has appeared numerous times on television, on the radio, in concert and as a keynote speaker throughout North America and in Europe sharing her message of hope, healing and encouragement.

Kitty is currently working on her first book and enjoying the adventure of homeschooling. She makes her home in the New Orleans area with her musician husband and young daughter, whom they adopted from China in 2005 and who frequently accompanies Kitty on her travels.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"Kitty's love for the Lord and for her Catholic faith was palpable, and she left us all uplifted and encouraged with her message and music. I wholeheartedly recommend Kitty Cleveland for your future event." **Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.I., Archbishop of Denver**

"Kitty shared her inspiring story and beautiful singing with endearing personality and delightful humor. Many of the 500 women said afterward that she was their favorite Magnificat speaker of all time--out of 40 speakers! I heartily recommend her for any group." **Kay Burkot, Magnificat of Pittsburgh, PA**

"I have the privilege of counting Kitty Cleveland as one of my close friends, and for that I am most grateful. When I listen to her CDs I'm touched by her wellspring of talent, but even more I'm moved knowing that her music is the result of God interacting with her in the valleys and the mountaintops of her life. She is real, she is deeply spiritual, and she has one of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard." **Jeff Cavins, bible scholar and Catholic evangelist**

"We are all still floating since your appearance at our Endow Gala! This week I have had more positive calls and emails than I can possibly handle. The humor, warmth, and love that came through in your talk had all 500 people in the room riveted." **Terry Polakovic, Endow Co-Founder and Executive Director**

TELEVISION & RADIO CREDITS

Kitty is well-known to EWTN audiences, having appeared five times as a guest on *Life on the Rock* with Jeff Cavins; twice on *Backstage*; five times as a guest of Johnnette Benkovic on *Women of Grace*; and also live from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, where she shared her testimony and sang for the Mass with an estimated 25,000 attendees.

Kitty has appeared multiple times on Catholic TV of Boston and continues to receive both national and international radio airplay.

PAST SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Midwest Family Conference** (Wichita, KS)
- **Catholic Women for Christ Conference** (St. Charles, MO)
- **Graced & Gifted Women's Conference** (Prior Lake, MN)
- **Martha & Mary Conference** (Dubuque, IA)
- **Catholic Women of Faith Conference** (Franklin, TN)
- **Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Conference** (Peachtree City, GA)
- **South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Conference** (Hilton Head Island, SC)
- **San Francisco Catholic Charismatic Conference** (San Francisco, CA)
- **Lighthouse Catholic Media Conference** (Mundelein, IL)
- **Magnificat women's prayer breakfasts** (CA, LA, OH, PA, TX)
- **Legatus dinners** (FL, LA, WI)
- **Various other prayer breakfasts and retreats** (CA, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MO, MS, NC, OH, PA, SC, TX)
- **Marian conferences** (AZ, CA, LA)
- **Concerts at gala fundraisers** (CO, DC, GA, LA, NY)
- **Over 50 prayer concerts in Catholic parishes** (throughout North America and in Europe)

RECORDINGS

- **Surrender:** Collection of popular liturgical songs, plus two originals. Winner of Unity Award® for “Sacramental Album of the Year” (2000, 2007 remix).
- **Sacred Arias:** Twelve classics with a chamber orchestra. Final Unity Award® nominee for “Devotional Album of the Year” (2001).
- **The Miracle of Love Rosary:** International best-seller featuring music and meditations on the sanctity of life, including the Luminous Mysteries. Recorded with Fr. Robert Cavalier (2002).
- **O Holy Night:** Well-loved Christmas songs with a Celtic flair (2003).
- **The Miracle of Divine Mercy:** Original sung Divine Mercy chaplet with a children’s choir, plus two inspiring songs and Kitty’s Divine Mercy miracle testimony (2004).
- **Be Not Afraid:** Includes 12 songs of hope and consolation, including “Now You Come to Me”, an original song inspired by the last words of Pope John Paul II. Winner of Unity Award for “Devotional Album of the Year” (2006)
- **Sublime Chant: The Scotland Project:** An ambitious recording of 17 Gregorian chants recorded in a 13th century Scottish cathedral (2008).
- **Lighthouse--God Will Provide:** 2010 release by Lighthouse Catholic Media includes Kitty’s testimony plus nine songs from her previous collections.
- **The Miracle of Life Rosary for Children:** Kids love hearing the upbeat, life-affirming music and meditations written by Kitty specifically for a young audience, with all of the prayers led by kids. Kitty’s daughter, Cecilia (age 7), also sings with her to music arranged by Joe Hand (2-CD, 2011).
- **Lighthouse--The Miracle of Divine Mercy:** 2013 release by Lighthouse Catholic Media of Kitty's Divine Mercy chaplet with a sample of her Divine Mercy testimony.
- **Blue Skies:** A collection of jazz standards with some of New Orleans' greatest musicians, including *Summertime*, *My Funny Valentine*, *Someone to Watch over Me*, and many other well-loved classics (2014).

BOOKING

To have Kitty speak and/or sing for your event, please call or email Caroline Sholl (a busy mom of four little ones, so please pardon the background noise!): **(504) 559-8076, ccsholl@hotmail.com**