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SHARE THE GIFTS MARY AND ELIZABETH EXPERIENCED AT THE VISITATION

NOTRE DAME, Ind.— The biblical encounter between the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, before the births of Jesus and John the Baptist, is at the heart of *Gifts of the Visitation* by popular speaker and syndicated columnist Denise Bossert.

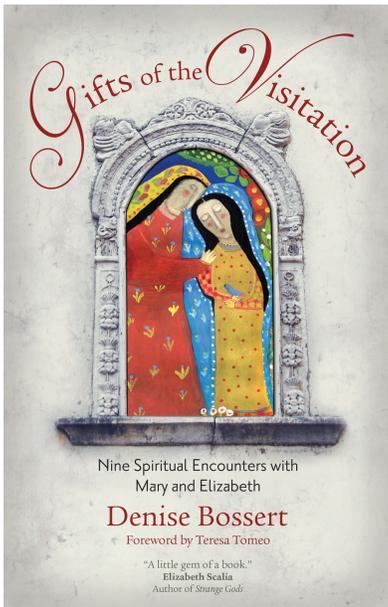
In her debut book, Bossert showcases the seasons of birth, grief, newness, and challenge experienced in the hearts of Mary and Elizabeth at the Visitation and invites readers to see these times in their own lives as opportunities to let God make all things new. Within each of those seasons, nine gifts emerge—spontaneity, courage, joy, readiness, humility, adventure, hospitality, wonder and awe, and thanksgiving—equipping readers to present Christ to the world as Mary and Elizabeth did.

Bossert's encounter with Mary, which led her to convert to Catholicism, serves as the window for discovering and exploring the gifts and helps readers look inside their own hearts to discover what the gifts of the visit between Mary and Elizabeth mean to them and how they can be Christ-bearers to others.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The daughter and former wife of Protestant ministers, Denise Bossert converted to Catholicism in 2005 after being inspired by the books of St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Avila. Bossert writes a syndicated column called *Catholic by Grace* for diocesan newspapers across the United States. She has also written for *Canticle Magazine* (now called *Women of Grace*), *Women for Faith and Family*, and *Catholic Exchange*.

Bossert has appeared on a variety of television and radio shows, including EWTN's *Journey Home* and *Women of Grace*, the *Son Rise Morning Show*, *Catholic Vitamins*, *On Call*, and *Seize the Day*. She gives talks at parishes and to women's groups on conversion, women of salvation history, and spiritual mentoring. Denise and her husband, John, have four children and five grandchildren and live in New Melle, Missouri.



Gifts of the Visitation
*Nine Spiritual Encounters
with Mary and Elizabeth*
Denise Bossert

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"This is a little gem of a book that both women and men will return to, again and again, when the demands of life are such that we need fresh grounding in our appreciation of humility and grace, spontaneity and readiness, thanksgiving, and adventure and awe. It is, in two words, 'a treasure.'"

ELIZABETH SCALIA
Catholic blogger and author of
Strange Gods