

Spirituality Commission

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While praying the Joyful Mysteries with my husband Dave, it occurred to me that Mary was the very first joyful disciple. The Blessed Mother taught us the joy of motherhood. She is the perfect example to all of us, young and old alike. She showed us how we are to conduct ourselves in the best of times and the most horrific. She taught us to ponder all things, good or bad.

We have only to turn our hearts and prayer to our dear sweet Mother to see that joy does come in the morning. With Mary's intercession we can rest assured that our prayers reach heaven, just as incense rises above.

How many of us felt the joy as Mary did when we felt the babe in our womb stir for the first time, praying on our growing bellies for a healthy boy or girl? Or the joy of birth, seeing the crying baby and counting ten fingers and toes?

Mary is the one I turned to in my thoughts and prayers, and she has guided me every step of the way. I am reminded of the song, "I got that joy, joy, joy, down in my heart," and it brings a smile to my face just thinking about it. I pray you can have that joy in your life today and every day.

If you want to get more joy, come to the Madison Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 64th Annual Convention. It will be held on June 13 at the Sinsinawa Mound Center in Sinsinawa. The theme is "Joyful Disciples." I hope to see many of our Catholic Women there. Look for me...I will be smiling.

Blessings,

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