

MISSION STATEMENT



My primary mission as a daughter of God is care for 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 singing, storytelling, painting, or teaching from the great Catholic spiritual writers and my own life experience. Tears and laughter from the audience (and from me) are not uncommon, and I consider them to be a true gift of the Holy Spirit. These audiences have ranged from Catholic women’s prayer breakfasts to 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:

- Divine Mercy: A Miracle Story
- His Grace Is Enough (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Beloved: Finding My Identity in Christ (for women)
- Deus Providebit: Trusting in God's Divine Providence
- The Habit of Prayer: Making time for God
- Mother at My Door: Discovering who the Virgin Mary is for you *personally*
- Peace I Leave with You: Receiving the gift that only Christ can give

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 our baptism, we have been called to become evangelists in a world where despair, godlessness, and violence cry out for a remedy. My job is to rally the troops and encourage them to 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,





KITTY CLEVELAND

BIOGRAPHY

Kitty Cleveland, a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans, began her professional career as a lawyer and then as a college instructor. But in an adoration chapel one day in 1998, as she searched for God during a devastating family crisis, she clearly heard the Lord Jesus call her to become a "music missionary." Kitty has since released 10 CDs of music and prayer. Those CDs became the foundation for her nonprofit, **Sounds of Peace**, which has a mission to share the consolation of recordings with the poor, the sick, and the dying at no charge to them.

Kitty has appeared numerous times on EWTN, Boston Catholic TV, on the radio, in concert, and as a keynote speaker both at home and abroad. She lives in the New Orleans area with her musician husband, and they are slowly adjusting to an empty nest. In addition to leading hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning online at 5:45 am CT (you are cordially invited!), she enjoys cooking, gardening, and oil painting. Kitty's first book, ***From Prison to Paradise: A Story of Radical Trust in God's Divine Mercy*** (The Word Among Us Press) is now available on Amazon or at your local Catholic bookstore. **Instagram:** @kittycleveland; **YouTube:** www.youtube.com/kittycleveland

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EDUCATION

- **Tulane University, Newcomb College**, New Orleans, LA, BA, *cum laude*, May 1988
- **University of Edinburgh**, Edinburgh, Scotland, Junior Year Abroad Honors Program, 1986-1987
- **L'Universite d'Aix-Marseille**, Aix-en-Provence, France, Law School, Summer 1990
- **Louisiana State University Law Center**, Baton Rouge, LA, Juris Doctorate, May 1992
- **Southeastern Louisiana University**, Hammond, LA, Master of Education in Counseling, May 1997

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**

"I had the joy and privilege to attend an event recently where Kitty Cleveland was the featured presenter. She has been blessed with an amazing singing voice and compliments her storytelling with beautifully sung prayer... I would not hesitate to recommend her services to others." **Most. Rev. David Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay**

"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 to know 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, Catholic Bible scholar**

"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**



PAST SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **Auckland Eucharistic Conference** (Auckland, NZ)
- **North American Congress on Mercy** (Houston, TX)
- **Fullness of Truth Conference** (Tyler, TX)
- **Midwest Family Conference** (Wichita, KS)
- **International Religious Freedom Act 20th Anniversary Symposium** (New York, New York)
- **Guardian of the Faith 30th & 35th Anniversary Celebrations** (Cuenca, Ecuador)
- **Growing in Grace Conference** (Port of Spain, Trinidad)
- **International Congress in Honor of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary** (Miami, FL)
- **San Francisco Catholic Charismatic Conference** (San Francisco, CA)
- **Lighthouse Catholic Media Conference** (Mundelein, IL)
- **Legatus dinners, Magnificat breakfasts, regional conferences, gala fundraisers, etc.** (AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, IA, IL, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, WI, WY)
- **Over 50 prayer concerts in Catholic parishes** (throughout North America and Europe)

RECORDINGS

- **Hail, Holy Queen:** *Billboard* Top 10 CD (Classical). This collection of songs about the Blessed Mother is dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima for the 100th anniversary of her first apparition (2017).
- **Blue Skies:** A collection of jazz standards with some of New Orleans' finest musicians, including *Summertime*, *My Funny Valentine*, and many other well-loved classics (2014).
- **Lighthouse/Augustine--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.
- **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 (2-CD, 2011).
- **Lighthouse/Augustine--God Will Provide:** 2010 release by Lighthouse Catholic Media includes Kitty's testimony plus nine songs from her previous collections.
- **Sublime Chant: The Scotland Project:** An ambitious recording of 17 Gregorian chants recorded in a 12th century Scottish cathedral (2008).
- **Be Not Afraid:** Includes 12 songs of hope and consolation. Winner of Unity Award for "Devotional Album of the Year" (2006)
- **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).
- **O Holy Night:** Well-loved Christmas songs with a Celtic flair (2003).
- **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).
- **Sacred Arias:** Twelve classics with a chamber orchestra. Final Unity Award® nominee for "Devotional Album of the Year" (2001).
- **Surrender:** Collection of popular liturgical songs, plus two originals. Winner of Unity Award® for "Sacramental Album of the Year" (2000, 2007 remix).

BOOKING

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