



## *Meet St. Martha, Our Patron Saint*

We chose St. Martha because we could see ourselves in her story. Martha got cranky. She invited Jesus into her family's home and, while she was bustling about getting everything perfect, her sister Mary just sat and listened to their guest. Who wouldn't be a little upset? But when she complained to Jesus, the answer was unexpected: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42 NRSVCE)

Martha had unshakable faith amid crisis. Her brother was dead and she knew, if their friend had been there, Lazarus would still be alive. She told Jesus that. Still, when Jesus said Lazarus would rise again, she did not expect Jesus to bring him back immediately, but rather on the last day. When Jesus probed her statement, she answered, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." (John 11:27 NRSVCE)



# Future with Hope Women

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*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

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## *Welcome to the first Future With Hope Women's Conference!*

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What a joy it has been to see this conference come to fruition after all our brainstorming and planning.

Sometimes when you are being called to serve, you get the urge – the prompting – the call – but not too many directions are provided. So we four have spent a lot of time in prayer to learn where God was directing us. And slowly, methodically, we began exploring options, seeking guidance and advice from those in the Arlington Diocese who could help us navigate this process.

We were blessed to have connections with the wonderful speakers who agreed to speak at this first time conference with no track record, at fees much less than would otherwise be expected, because they believed in our call and in our mission and were willing to support that. We are so grateful for their support.

We saw what we thought was a need – women our age are in need of friendship and fellowship – yet we don't all have those natural ways to meet other women as we did when we were younger, in the workforce, or raising children. So we wanted to create that opportunity for women to meet women and to discuss issues facing the various stages in our life.

Our goal is simple – for women to find others in similar situations with whom they can be friends or resources that can give them some comfort and direction. Through this process, of course, the deepest connection anyone can have is through our Lord Jesus Christ and, if He is the rock upon which these friendships are formed, they have to be good.

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If you are coming here in search of something – look hard to find it. If you find it – cherish it. We have been blessed with quality, but we have also been blessed with exhibitors with information on how you can reach outside of yourself and get to know others. Please take good advantage of these opportunities to provide yourself a lifeline to other women.

We pray that our work in organizing this conference has been acceptable to Him from whom all good comes and that you find it makes a difference in providing you a Future With Hope!



*Melanie Rigney, Paula Hummel, Monica McBrady, Colleen Duffy Kiko*

# Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY

5 PM | Registration, Exhibitor Time\*\*

7 PM | Evening Reception\*

8:15 PM | Welcome, **Patricia Lorenz, *Aging, Love, Loss & Faith***\*

8:30 PM | Evening Prayer\*, Followed by Free Time

## SATURDAY

8 AM | Continental Breakfast\*\*

8:30 AM | Morning Prayers, Music by Marylee Nicholas\*\*

9 AM | **Vicki Thorn, *Healing at Midlife***\*\*

9:45 AM | Break

10 AM | Roundtable Discussions\*\*

10:45 AM | Break and Exhibitor Time\*\*

11:45 AM | Prayer, Buffet Lunch, Music by Marylee Nicholas\*\*

12:30 PM | **Lisa Mladinich, *Finding True Grace in Midlife***\*\*

1 PM | Break and Exhibitor Time\*\*

1:45 PM | Roundtable Discussions\*\*

2:30 PM | Sweet Treat Break and Exhibitor Time\*\*

3:15 PM | Roundtable Discussions\*\*

4 PM | Sending Forth by **Patricia Lorenz**\*\*

5:30 PM | Optional ~Vigil Mass St. Timothy's Chantilly, VA  
Directions will be provided.

8 PM | Optional ~Cabernet, Corona, and Coloring. Sign-up at  
the Registration Table

**\*Events held in the Virginia Suites**

**\*\*Events held in the Commonwealth Ballroom**







## Meet our Speakers...

### Lisa Mladinich



Lisa is a wife and mother, and the host of Shalom World TV's new WOMAN: Strong Faith, True Beauty. She is the founder of [AmazingCatechists.com](http://AmazingCatechists.com) and a regular on Relevant Radio's *Morning Air*

with John Harper and *On Call with Wendy Wiese*. Lisa writes for *Catechist* magazine and is the author of the best-selling book *True Radiance: Finding Grace in the Second Half of Life*. Her latest book--*Heads Bowed: Prayers for Catholic School Days*--is due out soon. Lisa will speak on *Finding Hope and True Radiance in Mid-life*. [www.amazingcatechists.com/lisa-mladinich/](http://www.amazingcatechists.com/lisa-mladinich/)

[Ignatian Volunteer Corps](http://www.ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-northern-virginia/), which provides mature men and women the opportunity to serve the needs of the poor and disadvantaged offering hope and human dignity. [www.ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-northern-virginia/](http://www.ivcusa.org/ivc-offices/welcome-to-ivc-northern-virginia/)

[Landings](http://www.landingsintl.org), a Paulist program that helps parishes welcome inactive Catholics who want to take another look at our Church. [www.landingsintl.org](http://www.landingsintl.org)

[Leaving a Legacy](http://www.legacylife.photo), which helps people pass on to future generations the stories of their personal faith journeys. [www.legacylife.photo](http://www.legacylife.photo)

[Peach Company](http://www.discoverpeach.com), which helps women find the right-sized foundation garments, and [NYR Organic US](http://www.nyrorganic.com/shop/corp/), which takes a health-based approach to beauty products. [www.discoverpeach.com](http://www.discoverpeach.com) [www.nyrorganic.com/shop/corp/](http://www.nyrorganic.com/shop/corp/)

[Project Rachel](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/rachel_retreat.aspx) in the Diocese of Arlington, an international post-abortion healing ministry founded by conference speaker [Vicki Thorn](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/rachel_retreat.aspx). [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/rachel\\_retreat.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/rachel_retreat.aspx)

[Suffering Servant Scriptorium](http://www.haapala.com/sufferingservant/index.cfm), a publisher of Catholic prayer books, recordings and more, based in the Diocese of Arlington. [www.haapala.com/sufferingservant/index.cfm](http://www.haapala.com/sufferingservant/index.cfm)

[Tepeyac Family Center, LLC](http://www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com), a pro-life OB-GYN office - [www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com](http://www.tepeyacfamilycenter.com), and [Divine Mercy Care](http://www.divinemercycare.org), its fundraising and educational entity. [www.divinemercycare.org](http://www.divinemercycare.org)

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