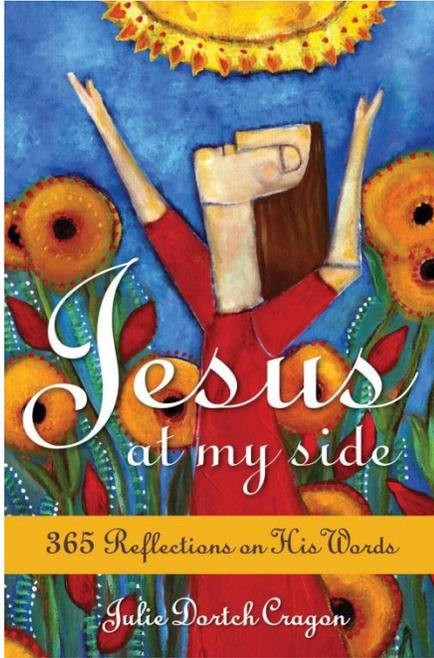


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## New daily devotional shows what Jesus would say *now*

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, July 10 – A Tennessee Catholic bookstore owner and mother of six knew people wanted to hear what Jesus would say to them about modern life and its sticking points. They needed relevant advice for their lives *now*.

So she compiled a book of daily meditations highlighting what Christ would want people to zero in on *today -- right this minute*.

**Jesus at My Side: 365 Reflections on His Words** (Our Sunday Visitor, 2012) provides readers with the words of Jesus Himself, combined with a short meditation and a prayer challenge – one for every day of the year. “This is not an interpretation of the Gospels,” stated Cragon, “but a meditation on what Jesus is saying to us today.” In the meditations, Cragon relates each one of Jesus’ quotes to something in her own life – children, work, relationships – and encourages readers to do the same.

### About the Author



Julie Cragon was born in Nashville, Tenn. She graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in education and taught and coached part-time at her alma mater, St. Cecilia Academy, an all-girls Catholic High School run by the Nashville Dominicans. After two years, she decided to work full-time in her mother’s business, St. Mary’s Bookstore and Church Supply. Her husband, Allen, joined them to run the Church Goods part of the business after a year in the sporting goods industry.

In the wee hours of the morning, when all is quiet, Julie finds time to write. Her first book, **Bless My Child**, a mother’s prayer book for every stage of a child’s life, is published by Ave Maria Press. She continues to write short biographies of the Saints for a Catholic Company who represents the Bonella line of Italian holy cards. Julie speaks at women’s groups, mother’s groups, garden clubs, adult education groups and book clubs on various topics surrounding the power of prayer or to inform groups of new titles to further their spiritual lives. Julie and her husband, Allen, have six children and continue to manage St. Mary’s Bookstore in Nashville, TN.

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