



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CATHOLIC ARTIST DEBUTS COLLECTION OF ORIGINAL WORKS, EXPLORES THEMES OF TRUST AND HOPE.**

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Artist Tara Wright of [tarawrightillustration.com](http://tarawrightillustration.com) announced the launch of *Iris Series*, her first collection of original oil paintings. Vibrant and textural, the paintings celebrate the extravagance of the iris flower, capturing the energy of fresh starts and hope.

Eighteen paintings make up the collection. But for Tara they're more than paintings—they're prayers. Through a tumultuous year of transition, uncertainty, and loss, creating these works allowed time and space to talk to God about her trials—and to *listen* for His reply: "Trust in Me."

With their sharp, dagger-like leaves, the flowers have traditionally been a symbol for Our Lady of Sorrows. After burying a third baby, Hope, lost to miscarriage earlier this year, the collection and its subject took on a new meaning. Meditating on the intricacy of each iris flower reminded her of the intricacy of God's plan.

"I'm in awe that somehow I'm able to participate in the tragedy and beauty that Mary herself experienced through the life, death, and victorious resurrection of her son," Tara said. "I don't have to journey alone. Mary provides a model for me—for all of us. Her 'Yes' points to the hope that is Jesus."

The joy of placing one's trust in the Lord shines in each piece. The bright colors break through the gray skies of winter, promising renewal for heavy hearts. The energetic hues will add warmth and cheer to the collector's home.

*Iris Series* launched on the first Sunday of Advent. And with it, another reason for hope—Tara is expecting a baby in May 2021. "Regardless of how long I have with this little one, I'm grateful, and once again convinced of God's creativity. He's always up to something."

The collection is available for purchase on Tara's website, [tarawrightillustration.com](http://tarawrightillustration.com). With each purchase, she's also sending prayers that the new owner will experience the hope of Christ this Advent season and beyond.

"I know that not everyone who takes one of these pieces home will know my story (or Mary's, for that matter), but it is my sincere prayer that they have hope, and that perhaps these flowers can light the way."

***Tara Wright Illustration***

*Tara Wright specializes in custom art, illustration, and lettering. You can find original paintings and products, or commission a custom piece, at [tarawrightillustration.com](http://tarawrightillustration.com). In addition to being an artist, Tara is a Marine wife and mama to Becket, another on the way, plus three saints in heaven. After spending several years in New York City and a brief stint in Fredericksburg, VA, Tara currently lives in Oklahoma—riding out the pandemic close to family.*

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