



LIFE-GIVING Wounds

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Dear [First Name],

“I was humbled by the raw honesty of those gathered as they delved into the shadows of their past, and I was equally taken aback by the compassion that arose to fend off those shadows. When I would happen upon those who were, only days earlier, unknown to one another and yet tending to each other’s spiritual and emotional trials, I couldn’t help but think of the spirit of the human person imitating, in its highest form, the Holy Spirit of God.”

These words are from Eric Girtten, Director of Family and Life for the Diocese of Evansville, reflecting on the graces received from hosting the Life-Giving Wounds retreat in August this year. Your incredible support and the outpouring of blessings from the Holy Spirit is what makes this possible!

Allow us to share some highlights from 2022 and the ambitious plans Life-Giving Wounds has for 2023! **We humbly ask you to review and consider supporting our mission through a generous year-end donation.**

- **Continuing growth coast-to-coast** – Thanks to you, Life-Giving Wounds has expanded from our one original Washington, D.C. chapter to **10 total chapters**, in partnership with 12 dioceses. Life-Giving Wounds chapters are now literally coast-to-coast, from California to Florida to New York and more! AND we have plans to expand to another **6+ new locations in 2023**. Each new chapter brings more in-person support to local ACODs!



- **Healing souls and forming missionary disciples** – Life-Giving Wounds started with a team of only four volunteers, and now we have **over 100 volunteer leaders** in our ministry, almost all of whom are alumni, helping to heal the wounds of others like themselves. Thanks in large part to their dedication and hard work, we have grown from intensively serving just 10 adult children of divorce or separation in our first year to **providing unique, in-depth pastoral care to over 400 ACODs in 2022**. We continue to offer robust ministry programs, both in-person and online. And next year we have plans to create online courses, a group mentorship program, and much more.



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After filming at EWTN, with Fr. John Paul Mary Zeller and show hosts Jim and Joy Pinto.

- **Increasing witness and amplifying ACOD voices** – We published a record number of posts on the Life-Giving Wounds blog this year, which includes 100+ testimonies, expert advice pieces, and more. We also reached well over **three hundred thousand people** through our website and social media channels, and we spoke about ACOD needs on podcasts and other media, including an EWTN show. We plan to amplify the voices of ACODs even more next year, through the launch of a speakers' bureau, the publication of our **first-ever full-length book**, and continued high-quality, insightful blog and social media posts.



Want to hear more about how your donation can uniquely impact others?

Please check out our NEW video featuring seven alumni testimonies:

www.lifegivingwounds.org/give.

We are now at a critical point in our ministry. We have far greater demand on our time and resources than we can meet out of our financial resources. **Will you help more adult children of divorce or separation find Christ's healing by donating toward our goals of 2023?**

YOUR GIFT WILL BRING HOPE TO HUNDREDS OF ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION AND WILL BE MATCHED UP TO \$15,000, THANKS TO TWO GENEROUS DONORS.

We must have your gift before the December 31st deadline for your impact to be doubled. We need to raise at least \$30,000 during this end of the year appeal, but our major stretch goal is \$50,000. Will you help with this goal and achieve new heights and successes through this ministry in 2023?

With your monthly or one-time gift of \$100, \$200, \$500, or even \$1,000, you'll provide more opportunities for adult children of divorce to receive a life-changing experience: to be equipped to handle future challenges and love more deeply with the very love of Christ they themselves have received.

Will you please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift of support and have your impact DOUBLED?

Thank you for helping to undo the destructive effects of parental divorce, separation, and family brokenness in the lives of adult children of divorce or separation.

Warmly and with the gratitude of the Holy Spirit,



Dr. Daniel and Bethany Meola

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Donate online here!



P.S. **Your gift of any amount will truly make a difference in the lives of adult children of divorce or separation and between now and December 31, 2022, it will be doubled up to \$15,000!** If you would like to donate securely online, please go to www.lifegivingwounds.org/give or scan the QR code above. As a small token of our appreciation, we've included a Life-Giving Wounds sticker for you.

P.P.S. **Monthly giving is one of the easiest and most effective ways to help transform lives all year long.** Please consider joining our team of monthly donors!