



I am a member of the Deacon Wives Committee in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are a group of deacons' wives who minister to the community of deacons' wives through support, prayer, evangelization, and various opportunities to be in fellowship with one another. We are under the umbrella of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and have the support of Deacon Michael Pascarella, Associate of the Vicar of Clergy as well as Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Each year, our committee sponsors a Deacon Wives Tea which welcomes the wives of deacons who are in formation as well as all wives of deacons. This is a beautiful event which brings the women together to enjoy an afternoon of friendship. Each year, we invite a Catholic speaker who brings our women together in Christ to grow in His love and teachings.

This year, we were very blessed to have De Yarrison, CPCC as our invited speaker. De is an accomplished and sought-after Catholic speaker, blogger, coach, retreat facilitator and founder of You Are Made New Ministry. De is a knowledgeable leader and resource in our Catholic Church who speaks boldly and with confidence in the power of healing through Jesus Christ.

De shared with us a powerful, yet tender presentation on the way that Christ works in our hearts so that we may lead fully integrated lives in Him. De speaks from her heart and is able to draw in the listener so that she is fully engaged, can put herself into the examples, and is able to bring about the desire for healing and intimacy with Christ our Bridegroom. De's talk at our Women's Tea was so well received and every woman felt seen, known and loved by Christ. De's gentle delivery showed her compassionate heart and her confidence displayed her expanse of experience and knowledge.

De was able to hold the attention of every woman in the room while she delivered a message of hope, compassion, and the love which Christ has for every person. She displayed a deep love of not only what she presented, but what she truly believes in Jesus Christ as our healer, our savior, and our Lord. We were extremely blessed through De and I would not hesitate to recommend De as a presenter for any group desiring to know the truth of Jesus Christ.

**God bless,
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