

## Praying with Ignatius: Opening up a new stage of life -- Part 2

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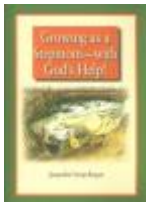
Tom Fox and Jacqueline Syrup Bergan about their spiritual journeys and their discovery of prayer. "It is so wonderful," Bergan tells Fox. "Each person is led by the spirit themselves in their own unique way. The most important things are a sincere heart, a desire -- a desire is the thing ? and show up. Show up consistently for prayer and do what you can do."

Bergan also talks about spritual tools for step moms, the subject of her latest book.

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### Praying with Ignatius: Opening up a new stage of life

Jacqueline Syrup Bergan is a writer, retreat director and spiritual guide. She is co-author of the widely published *Take and Receive* series, a five volume guide to the Exercises of St. Ignatius. In her latest book, *Growing As A Stepmom -- With God's Help* (The Word Among Us Press), Jacqueline shares her own experience of the blessings and challenges of being a stepmother.



### More about the author

A wife, mother, and grandmother, Jacqueline has always had a keen interest in spirituality. She and her husband Leonard live in Minnesota for part of the year and spend the remainder of their time in Arizona.

Books by Jacqeline and Marie Schwan, a Sister of St. Joseph of Medaille:

- Birth: A Guide for Prayer, Based on the second week of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the book incorporates key exercises such as Ignatius' Two Standards and Three Kinds of Persons.
- Forgiveness: A Guide for Prayer, Moving Scripture passages and commentary emphasize that like the father in the story of the prodigal son, God is always ready to embrace us with his mercy and forgiveness.
- Praying With Ignatius Of Loyola, Part of the Companions for the Journey Series of twenty-two favorite saints and spiritual guides, ready to accompany readers on their faith journey.
- Love: A Guide For Prayer, designed as a support for private prayer, these exercises can also be used in prayer groups, faith-sharing communities, and Bible studies.
- Surrender: A Guide For Prayer, the revised and updated fourth volume in the Take and Receive series, will help Christians grow in understanding of the mystery of suffering as they learn how to surrender their own trials in loving trust to God.

These books are available from [The Word Among Us Press](#) [3] or through the [book store at the Franciscan Renewal Center](#) [4] in Scottsdale, Ariz. The phone number is (480) 948-7460, ext. 142.

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