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Episode 1: The holy lurking everywhere (26 min.)
"We don?t go to an art museum simply to see art on the wall there," Coffey tells Tom Fox, paraphrasing a Jesuit mentor of hers. "We go to an art museum to be sensitized to beauty everywhere. It is much the same with the church. We don?t go to church simply to find holiness there, but to sensitize us to the holiness that is everywhere."

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Kathy Coffey is the author of *Hidden Women of the Gospels*, *Women of Mercy*, *God in the Moment: Making Every Day a Prayer*, (Orbis) *Dancing in the Margins* (Crossroad), *Immersed in the Sacred: Discovering the Small s Sacraments* (Ave Maria), catechetical resources such as *Children and Christian Initiation, Baptism and Beyond* and *Confirmation: Anointed and Sealed with the Spirit* (Living the Good News), and many articles in Catholic periodicals like *America*, *U.S. Catholic*, *St. Anthony Messenger* and *Catechumenate*.**Coffey on Prayer**
Coffey tells Tom Fox that she is always suspicious of long meal prayers. "They clearly are written by adults in libraries who haven't had hungry kids around the table, with the 16-year-old keeling over with boredom at one end of the table and the two-year-old is sticking french fries up her nose at the other end of the table. I think we have relax a little bit about prayer and livening things up a little."

More about Kathy Coffey
height="100" width="100" Kathy has spoken at national conventions such as the L.A. Congress, the East Coast Congress, NCCL, NCEA, and many diocesan gatherings. She gives retreats and workshops nationally and internationally. An editor for Living the Good News and the mother of four, she lives in Denver, Colo.
She taught for 15 years at the University of Colorado, Denver, and Regis Jesuit University. She has won thirteen awards from the Catholic Press Association, the Foley Poetry Award from America magazine, the Independent Publishers Book Award and the Associated Church Press Award for Editorial Courage.
In her latest book, *The Art of Faith*, Coffey invites readers to see their own lives as unique and priceless works of art. She reflects on the art of faith through the lens of various other arts, such as painting, writing, gardening,

weaving, storytelling, yoga, cooking, poetry, and dancing.

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