

# Iron Rose Sister Ministries Newsletter

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## Good News to Share!

- IRSM reaching coast to coast
- Transformed lives and deeper relationships in Christ through Human AND Holy studies.
- Opportunities to serve and get involved!

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## Speaking Engagements from Coast to Coast

Spring is a time of growth, new beginnings, and ladies' retreats. **Michelle J. Goff**, Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) author and director was invited to speak for the women at the **Juneau Church of Christ** March 28-30 and for the **Silver Spring Church of Christ** Spanish congregation the following weekend, April 5-6.

Women from both churches are studying Human AND Holy or Humano Y Santo in small groups and were



excited to invite the author to speak on **Falling in Love with Jesus** in Juneau (in English) and on **Christian**

**Relationships** in Silver Spring (in Spanish).

IRSM is honored to help coordinate and conduct these types of events in which women have a chance to grow, learn, and fellowship together.

Make plans today to have Michelle come and conduct an **English, Spanish, or bilingual ladies' retreat** in your congregation!



## 1st Prayer-a-thon Reaches North, South, East, and West

Tuesday, March 4th, IRSM hosted its 1st worldwide Prayer-a-thon. **Over 80 individuals** from Alaska to Uruguay to Turkey, from Atlantic to Pacific joined together in prayer for the ministry. What a blessing!

**Thank you** to those that prayed and for the feedback from those that expressed the specific ways in which God led you to pray over the ministry and over Michelle

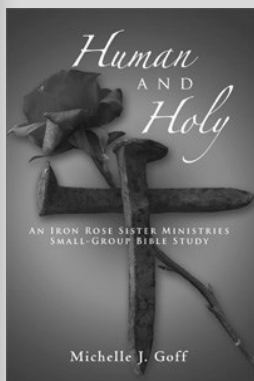
personally.

Please continue in prayer for the top four things prayed over that day:

- Current and future IRSM small group studies.
- Goal of reaching all 50 states and all 16 Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America.

- A contract with the right publishing company for the 2nd book, Who Has the Last Word?
- Upcoming speaking engagements.





Order Human AND Holy for your women's small group today!

The lessons were excellent.

Michelle was very well prepared and there was a nice balance of group involvement, reflection, and sharing.

~IRSM Retreat participant, Juneau, AK



Inés Sosa and IRSM Board Treasurer, Cynthia Cedeño—life-long friends and an excellent example of Iron Rose Sisters

### Many hands work together in Silver Spring, MD

Fruit floral arrangements, crocheted rose pins, crepe paper roses, decorated folders, registration, and so much more. Each sister from the Iglesia de Cristo in Silver Spring, Maryland, used her talents for God's glory and to bless the 100 Spanish-speaking women in attendance for the annual Women's Seminar. Women came from five Washington DC area congregations, North Carolina, & New York. Michelle taught about Christian Relationships and was thrilled to see these

relationships in action - especially as each part did its work (Ephesians 4:16), according to their unique talents, to put together the event with such excellence. The women were eager to hear more about what it means to be an Iron Rose Sister: a Christian sister that serves as iron sharpening iron, and that encourages

and inspires others to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns. Through the small group time after each class session, the ladies were able to start putting this into practice immediately.



### Mother's Day Celebration

Mother's Day is May 11th and IRSM is offering a unique opportunity to bless

the ministry and a special mother in your life. We are honoring birth mothers,

adoptive mothers, and spiritual mothers by delivering a virtual bouquet of roses via email to the mother you would like to honor. Please see the enclosed flyer for details and visit our website: www.IronRoseSister to donate, register your mom, and help us further the goal of encouraging and equipping our mothers.



### Financial Report and Needs—Thank You!

Thank you to those who gave an end-of-the-year donation and to those pledged their support for 2014. We cannot accomplish all God is doing through IRSM without your support and your prayers!

If you have not yet made a financial contribution, we still need your help!

Specifics on how your donations will be invested:

- International shipping and customs for Humano Y Santo books
- International ticket and travel between two countries (\$2,500 per trip, 2 per year)
- Spreading the word

about IRSM at Lectureships

- Monthly living expenses that allow Michelle to dedicate herself full-time to travel, writing, and fulfilling the vision and goals of IRSM

Other beneficial contributions: Frequent flyer miles, buddy passes, etc.

## Human AND Holy / Humano Y Santo kick-off

What does it mean to be an Iron Rose Sister? How can we start a Human AND Holy or Humano Y Santo study in our area?

These are some of the frequently asked questions by women who are hungry to grow deeper in their



relationships with God and their Christian sisters.

Author Michelle J. Goff had the blessing of participating in a kick-off event for four congregations in the cities of Houston and Denver in January (one each in English & Spanish in each city) as they started their small group studies of the book.

Michelle would love to conduct such an event in your local congregation, but the good news is that you do not need a formal event or a special program to take

advantage of the opportunity to encourage each other as Christian sisters, Iron Rose Sisters, and dig into the Word together.

So, grab a friend, meet at a coffee shop, invite some sisters over for coffee, and start a Human AND Holy study today!



**Memorial Church of Christ, Houston, TX (above)**

**Iglesia de Cristo, Englewood, CO (left)**

It is exciting to be on the board and be a part of **casting the vision** for this ministry that **blesses and equips women** in their Christian walks. ~ **Kimberly Edwards**, IRSM Board Secretary

## 2014 Calendar Update

April 26—Bostonia Church of Christ, San Diego, CA

April 29—May 2—Pepperdine Lectureships (booth)

May 17-18—Holly Hill Church of Christ, Daytona Beach, FL

May 28—June 13—Bogotá, Colombia & Buenos Aires, Argentina

July 18-19—Northwest Church of Christ / Iglesia de Cristo Bilingual Event, Denver, CO (booth)

Aug. 22-23—Iglesia de Cristo Women's Retreat, Englewood, CO

Sept. 19-20—Northwest Church of Christ / Iglesia de Cristo Bilingual Retreat,

Houston, TX

Sept. 28—Oct. 1—Harding Lectureships (booth)

Late Oct. / early Nov.—Caracas, Venezuela & ? (dependent on local political and economic situation)

*Book your Ladies' Day or Women's Retreat for 2015 today!*

## Who has the Last Word?

### Who has the last Word?

*Cutting through Satan's Lies with the Truth of God's Word* will be the next small group Bible study book written by Michelle in English and Spanish.

It is our prayer that this second interactive Bible study book for women's

small groups will be available and in print by the end of 2014.

We have had a few obstacles in the process of presenting the book to traditional publishing companies, but the feedback from women interested in learning about

how to battle Satan's lies has been an overwhelming encouragement to keep working toward our goal.

**Please pray** that we can obtain a contract with the right publishing company with international distribution options for this and other future studies.



**Michelle** representing IRSM at the Women **Walking With God Conference in Wichita, KS, April 11-12**

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**Women's Ministry Resources** in English and Spanish:

- Facilitate Christian sister relationships that will be like iron sharpening iron, encouraging and inspiring each other to be as beautiful as a rose in spite of a few thorns
- Provide women's Bible studies simple enough for anyone to lead and deep enough for everyone to grow
- Create a network of Christian women and women's ministries across the Americas
- Conduct seminars, ladies' days, women's retreats, etc. teaching, empowering and inspiring women on their journey as *Iron Rose Sisters*

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**A Note From Michelle: Holy Noise & How You Can Get Involved**

One of the most exciting moments at any seminar I give is the time women spend in small groups. I call it "holy noise," as I believe it is a sweet sound and fragrant offering that is music to our Father's ears.

I am blessed and honored to be able to prepare lessons and small group discussion questions that facilitate that time—whether in the context of a seminar or small group Bible study using our books.

Thank you to those who help make it possible for me to dedicate myself to

Iron Rose Sister Ministries (IRSM) and its mission full-time.

As IRSM grows, so does my overwhelming to-do list. I need your prayers, your financial support, and your help! Everyone has different gifts and talents that can help make even more than we ask or imagine possible through God's power at work within us (Eph. 3:20-21).

Here are some tangible ways you can get involved:

- Subscribe to our blog via email.
- Start a Human AND Holy small group.

- Order Humano Y Santo books to send to the Spanish-speaking mission points your church supports.
- Promote Human AND Holy in a local bookstore.
- Share your talents: photography, guest

blogging, app design, web authoring, event planning, bilingualism, marketing, envelope stuffing...

- Like us on Facebook. Follow us on Twitter.
- Spread the word and most importantly, PRAY!

Thank you! *Michelle*

Friday morning  
IRSM study in  
Denver, CO

