

Testimonial #5

Sr. Eileen Rafferty
10 Mondays

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Riverside, CA

I visited the Fellowship meeting in the Fall of 2000. Pat greeted me with a warm welcome which indeed was an encounter with Jesus. I continued to attend the biweekly meetings thereafter and imbibed in the spirit of the group. They were pleasant, positive, informative and always with an underlying element of the sacred. When I entered the room, I sensed the presence of the Divine.

Whatever the topic chosen, there was always the underlying message that women must hold their rightful place in society; that women be appreciated for who they are; that their talents must be sought out; that opportunity be given to share their gifts. Jesus loved and respected women for who they were and the Fellowship follows in His footsteps. The music incorporated into the sessions was indeed a doorway into friendship and intimacy with Jesus.

Besides the meetings, there were the celebrations---Christmas in Pat's home.....Women's Day.....Leadership Meetings.....and more where Jesus was present as he was at the marriage feast of Cana. I came away from those celebrations a more fulfilled person. "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name I am in the midst." Jesus was present in the group, evidenced in the goodness and kindness of the women who were so giving, so generous; the women who worked tirelessly to complete the task at hand.

It was Pat who saw the need for a retreat for the women----a time apart with Jesus. In this sacred time and space that I could rest awhile with Jesus. As my journey into God continues, the participation in the Fellowship is a support along the way. I am grateful for the privilege of being a member of FCCW.

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