



## **EDIFY EPISODE: LESSONS FROM SERVING VULNERABLE WOMEN**

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### **FOR ADULT FORMATION GROUPS**

#### **For Understanding**

*Watch Sr. Virginia Joy's "Lessons from Serving Vulnerable Women" to learn the answers!*

1. What is the "identity crisis" that many women facing an unplanned pregnancy experience?
2. What is a woman's "deepest identity" that the Sisters of Life recommend Catholics help women to recognize?
3. Is abortion forgiveable in the Sacrament of Confession?
4. How is abortion principally a spiritual battle? What should Catholics do to fight this spiritual battle?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Draw from your own experience or invite a local expert in to help you think more deeply about this video and how it can inspire you to live out the faith in the public square!*

1. Why do some women after having had an abortion believe they are unable to receive God's forgiveness, mercy, and love?
2. Why does Sr. Virginia Joy say that it's important "never to speak about abortion from a place of judgment or condemnation. We always want to speak from a place of mercy"?



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### **FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DISCUSSIONS**

#### **For Understanding**

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1. What is the "identity crisis" that many women facing an unplanned pregnancy experience?
2. What is a woman's "deepest identity"?
3. How can we help pregnant mothers recognize this "deepest identity"?
4. Is abortion forgivable in the Sacrament of Confession?
5. How is abortion a spiritual battle? What should Catholics do to fight this spiritual battle?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Assign these questions to students for pre-research for follow-up assignments to the video.*

1. How would you tell someone in your life about their "deepest identity"?
2. How can you show friends or family who are suffering that they are worthy of God's forgiveness, mercy, and love?
3. What does it mean to "speak from a place of mercy" to others, especially friends or family who are unexpectedly pregnant?
4. In what ways can you participate in the work of the Sisters of Life - even if you live far away from them?