

*Speaker Introduction: (265 words)*

Audiences have called her engaging, dynamic, and encouraging. Event planners have called her a joy to work with. Readers have described her stories as powerful, heart-tugging, and entertaining.

With the love of Christ permeating her every presentation, Dr. MaryAnn Diorio offers sound, biblical advice on the touchy topic of forgiveness, the theme of her award-winning novella, *A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING*. As one who has personally experienced the sting of woundedness, MaryAnn understands the emotional, psychological, and spiritual struggles one encounters when faced with the pivotal decision to forgive.

“Why do most people have such a difficult time forgiving?” MaryAnn asks. Her reply: “I believe the main reason is that they do not understand what forgiveness really means.”

As a Certified Life Coach for 20 years, Dr. MaryAnn has helped numerous clients be set free by the power of forgiveness. Today, as you learn what it really means to forgive, she will help you in your own journey of forgiveness.

In her powerful, life-changing message, MaryAnn will describe what forgiveness is, and what forgiveness is not. She will share her personal struggles with understanding and choosing forgiveness in her own life. You will learn practical steps for forgiving even the worst offense and, when necessary, for asking forgiveness of others.

Finally, MaryAnn will reveal the “inside” story that prompted her to write her highly acclaimed story, *A CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING*. You will be challenged and changed by a speaker whose compassion and love will radiate from start to finish.

And now, let’s give a warm welcome to Dr. MaryAnn Diorio (pronounced like Oreo cookies)!