

Author Joycelyn Bila



Joycelyn Bila is an artist, writer, Catholic speaker, wife, mother and grandmother. Originally from Long Island and then Buffalo, NY, Joycelyn now resides in East Haven with her husband Nicolo. She is a Catechetical Specialist, certified in basic and advanced theology, and has been an active leader in church ministry for over three decades. She has coordinated over 20 women's spiritual retreats, acting as presenter and sometimes guest speaker. As an artist, her work has been shown in galleries on Long Island. Her largest and most beloved piece, *The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe*, hangs in her former church, St. Gregory the Great, in Williamsville, NY. Her book, *Undeniable, Unbreakable, Unstoppable Joy, Memories, Musings and Miracles*, shares experiences that affected her life and faith as an Italian American / Puerto Rican woman, as well as the miracles she experienced along the way.



Undeniable, Unbreakable, Unstoppable Joy: Memories, Musings and Miracles by Joycelyn Bila is a collection of stories about faith, friendship, and family. Starting from early childhood, the author explores how her Catholic faith, Italian-American and Puerto Rican culture, and familial triumphs and tragedies shaped her worldview. The author hopes readers will discover the love of God's mercy in all situations, whether painful or pleasant. Lessons are garnered from an array of characters who helped shape her life; from terminally-ill family members, to a Comanche Medicine Man, to an Iraqi-born nun. The book includes memoirs, personal reflections, biblical scripture and quotes from historical holy people. Written with a touch of humor and respect for her faith, the reader will learn that joy can be found in every circumstance, no matter the time or situation.

Ms. Bila will have copies of her book for sale at the author showcase. The price for each book will be \$16.95 and she will take cash and Venmo.