

Sandy Phillips Kirkham

Clergy Abuse Victim
To
Survivor/Advocate

Book Release Event

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New book portraying one woman's courageous journey of healing from clergy abuse launches

CINCINNATI, OHIO, November 2019: Author, Sandy Phillips Kirkham, announces new book release event for *Let Me Prey Upon You: Breaking Free from a Minister's Sexual Abuse*:

December 8 – 4:00-6:00 P.M.
4:15 P.M. – Reading/Q&A with author
Books for sale (\$21.95) and author signing
Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Road, Cincinnati, OH 45230
Wine, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts will be served

In *Let Me Prey Upon You: Breaking Free from a Minister's Sexual Abuse*, Sandy Phillips Kirkham shares her personal story of how a charismatic youth minister preyed upon her; a betrayal which left her broken with a shattered faith, and the ultimate shame of being blamed and forced from the church she loved. Sandy began her journey of healing in 2004, first by seeking justice and closure from both the pastor and the church. *Let Me Prey Upon You* details Sandy's journey from innocent sixteen-year-old victim to survivor and advocate.

What People Are Saying

"Sandy's book is a go-to resource for anyone wanting to understand the concepts of grooming and abuse of religious authority. Her story captures the pain, the shame, and long struggle to heal from clergy abuse." —DAN FRONDORF, CO-FOUNDER OF CINCINNATI SNAP CHAPTER

"*Let Me Prey Upon You* is an important story of a minister who preyed upon and sexually abused several young women, while moving from church to church to church. But it is more than that, it is also the story of one courageous woman who, years later, finally dealt with and confronted her past to begin her journey of healing. Sandy Kirkham's story is one of lies, manipulation, coercion, and abuse, but it is also a story of courage, resilience, and bravery." —SUSAN RANDALL, COUNSELOR



Author Bio: Sandy Kirkham and her husband Bill enjoy life with their two grown children, two beautiful granddaughters, and two fairly well-behaved dogs. Sandy continues to use her voice to help victims of clergy abuse. She currently serves on the board of Council Against Child Abuse. Sandy has spoken before the Ohio Senate, a Maryland court, and appeared on a local television show in Boston. Her story, "Stolen Innocence," was told in a documentary produced by The Hope of Survivors. Sandy works with survivors conducting victim support conferences. She has participated on panels moderated by SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests), sharing her perspective from the non-Catholic point of view.