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**Luke 8:1-3**

*Women who followed Jesus*

8 Soon afterward, Jesus traveled through the cities and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> along with some women who had been healed of sicknesses. Among them were Mary Magdalene (from whom seven demons had been thrown out), <sup>3</sup> Joanna (the wife of Herod's servant Chuza), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

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## The Ecumenical Catholic Communion

**The Ecumenical Catholic Communion** is a confederation of independently incorporated faith communities, which is governed by the Synod of the Communion, comprised of the Presiding Bishop in collaboration with the House of Laity, the House of Pastors, and the Episcopal Council.

## The Mary Magdalene Society

The purpose of our Mary Magdalene Society (MMS) is to have an endowment that creates a permanent financial foundation upon which grants can be made based upon the annual interest earnings.

These grants are intended to develop new ECC clergy and increase youth programs within the ECC.



With the internal MMS organizational structure now in place, our journey together on the road to building this endowment and making grants moves into a higher gear.

## Who is Mary Magdalene?

Mary Magdalene, sometimes called simply the Magdalene, was a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles. Mary's epithet Magdalene most likely means that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The Gospel of Luke 8:2–3 lists Mary as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy.

All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women, as the first witness to the empty tomb, and the first to testify to Jesus's resurrection. For these reasons, she is known in many Christian traditions as the "apostle to the apostles."

The places where she and the other women are mentioned throughout the gospels strongly indicate that they were vital to Jesus's ministry and the fact that Mary Magdalene always appears first, whenever she is listed in the Synoptic Gospels as a member of a group of women, indicates that she was seen in a leadership role.

*Source Wikipedia*



## Why We Need Your Support

Our communion is experiencing the need for clergy to sustain our growth. We face the challenge of shepherding our communities into an inclusive future in which all our clergy is representative of the church where all are welcomed and included.

To this end, the Mary Magdalene Society supports:

- **ECC youth ministry, service projects**
- **Seminarians/clergy who are ECC affiliated, with economic needs**
- **Student debt relief**
- **Incardination expenses**
- **Candidate ordination expenses**