



Meet Sr. DeDe Byrne! Another of our wonderful speakers this year!

Sister Deirdre Byrne is an active missionary sister and superior of her community here in Washington, DC. She is double board-certified in family medicine and general surgery. A native of the Washington, D.C., area, Sister Deirdre (known to many as Sister DeDe) is one of eight siblings, her youngest is Bishop William Byrne of the Springfield Diocese. After college, Sister DeDe followed in her thoracic surgeon father's footsteps and entered medical school at Georgetown University, where she eventually completed a surgical residency. During medical school she joined the Army. While working in both missionary and military service in far ranging areas, she was led to the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts community whose charism involves placing each and every person she cares for between the Heart of Jesus and Mary. Her apostolate has been performing overseas medical missionary surgery and providing free medical care for the poor and not only for the poor in Washington DC but also medical mission work in Sudan, Iraq, Palestine, Kenya and Haiti. The 130-year-old community includes 400 members Worldwide. By 2000, the board-certified Dr. Byrne made her commitment to the Little Workers and began her novitiate training in earnest.

Sister Dede retired with the rank of Colonel from the United States Army in 2009 after 29 years of service in the military. She was extremely grateful for the opportunity to have served the "brave soldiers" while deployed with her final service was in Afghanistan. Currently, she is the superior of the D.C. Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts house in Washington, DC where the sisters run a pro-bono physical therapy clinic, diabetic eye clinic, medical clinic and a front-line prolife ministry including the Abortion Pill Reversal with 70% success.

If you want to read more, check out this link

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/256788/brother-and-sister-who-are-bishop-and-nun-say-faithful-parents-helped-foster-vocations>

She just appeared on the US Grace Force and here is a clip of her speaking.

<https://youtu.be/JVgy0vSlsjY?t=3199>

