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Author's Message of Forgiveness and Faith Resonates With Readers

Milwaukee, WI – Wisconsin native Cherie Burbach seeks to inspire those who have struggled with childhood abuse in her latest book, *Father's Eyes* (Bonjour Publishing, January 2007). Through poetry, *Father's Eyes* reveals the journey in dealing with a troubled past to ultimately find peace and forgiveness through God.

Father's Eyes contains over fifty poems with an autobiographical influence. Burbach grew up with an alcoholic father and dealt with his verbal abuse and unpredictable behavior throughout her life. After years of alcohol abuse, Burbach's father committed suicide eight years ago, causing Burbach to take a look at her own self-destructive patterns and lack of self-esteem.

"I didn't want to dwell on my past, but I did want to learn from it," Burbach says. "Silence and shame are what give alcoholism the power to destroy families," she says, "and I hope writing about my experience will help change that. When I write now I think about young women and girls who might be in a similar situation and hope that they find inspiration and comfort in what I've written."

Burbach's words have resonated with readers. Her "This I Believe" essay is the second most popular on NPR's database out of almost 20,000.

Father's Eyes is Burbach's third work of poetry. She has also published *At the Coffee Shop*, a humorous look at her experience with online dating, in which she met her husband. As a result of her experience, she also works as a consultant for www.PersonalsTrainer.com, helping online daters write profiles that get results.

Father's Eyes is available online at outlets such as Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and Powells.com; or direct through the publisher at www.BonjourPublishing.com. Additional information on Cherie Burbach can be found on her website: www.thedifferencenow.com.

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