

Motherhood to Sainthood?

The Fascinating Cause for the Canonization
of
Gwen C. Coniker

Rev. Mr. Randall Redington and Mary Ellen Redington,
Vice-Postulators for the Sainthood of **Gwen C. Coniker**

The program, which is open to the general public,
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Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Center at Virginia & Dunbar Streets
Charleston, West Virginia

Deacon and Mrs. Redington will give a special presentation about an extraordinary woman. Gwen Coniker was the loving wife of Jerry Coniker, and over 42 years of loving marriage the couple raised 12 children and had 65 grandchildren. In 2002 Gwen Coniker died at the age of 62. Since then, the Catholic Church formally declared her a Servant of God, the first step in process of canonization.

In 1975 Gwen and Jerry Coniker founded the Apostolate for Family Consecration in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Their love for God and each other blossomed as the Apostolate for Family Consecration grew into an international movement for families. It has four key interrelated family ministries: Familyland TV Network; Catholic Familyland centers in the USA, Mexico, the Philippines, Belgium, and Nigeria; Consecration in Truth Catechetics; and Lay Ecclesial Teams, with members on five continents.

In 1999, Pope John Paul II appointed the Conikers to the Pontifical Council for the Family, which advises the papacy on family matters in the world. The Coniker family represented the theme "Children, the Springtime of Hope for Family and Society" at the Jubilee Year 2000 celebration at St. Peter's Square with the Pope before hundreds of thousands of people. In 2001, Jerry and Gwen received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Award from Pope John Paul II.

Gwen's life fully embodied Catholic family values as she dedicated herself to her family and the Church.

As Vice-Postulators, the Redingtons, of Steubenville, Ohio, will present the moving story of Gwen Coniker's life and will discuss the process of canonization.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For more information, please go to www.serracharleston.org, or call Mike Tupta at 345-2892 or Ron Rushworth at 965-2666.