

P A T R I C I A - A N N C O N S T A N C E - W I L S O N P E R K O W S K I

EDUCATION

1976 - 1981 Aquinas College Grand Rapids, Michigan

BS: Sociology, BA Social Work Independent Study

- Member of Gamma Theta Phi Geography Sorority
- 1976-1981 University of Maryland in Psychology College Park, Maryland
- 1995 –1998 *Certified Spiritual Direction* St. Francis Retreat Center and Dominican Center for Religious Development, DeWitt, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-2009 Director of Religious Education Holy Cross Parish Lansing, Michigan

Director of Religious Education

- Creating programs, retreats, workshops for adults, youth and children for Holy Cross parish
- Supervising the Religious Education classes for school age children: grades Pre-school to grade 8
- Supervising teachers
- Managing budgets for the Religious Education and Youth Group
- Creating Religious Education Family Advisory Board for Holy Cross

1998-Present Miracles Happen: Spiritual Lives Of Women Lansing, Michigan

Creator and Executive

- Consulting director privately since 1998: working exclusively with mothers who wish to explore their calling as woman, wife, mother
- Creating a Catholic mothers program that will combine the exploration of faith and God's call with the experience of motherhood.
- Creating weekly discussion topics of spiritual interest and exploration of the vocation of motherhood that will help the mothers see motherhood as more than just the raising of children but as a calling
- Creating retreats and prayer services for the mothers to explore the vocation and calling of motherhood
- Running spiritual group direction for women/mothers' of Saint Casimir using Spiritual Lives Of Women material and format I have created
- Running speakers bureau for same program and women/mother's group
- Creating programs of outreach such as: Clothing exchange
- Running one day and half day retreats for same program and group

2002-2004 Diocese of Lansing, Catholic Charities Lansing, Michigan

Director of Project Rachel

- Ministry for post abortive women: Faith Magazine Article <http://faithmag.com/issues/jun04.html#cover>
- Trained and recruited volunteers, Deacons, professional counselors from all over the ten county region of the Diocese
- Managed services for clients of Project Rachel
- Created material and new services for Project Rachel: revised support group manual and training material, created retreat material, revised brochures and other promotional material, created mentor program, email and phone counseling
- Gave workshops and seminars on issues pertaining to post abortive persons
- Preparing and recording material for weekly and annual reports
- Worked with local agencies on conference and other programs

1985-1995 Catholic Social Services, Catholic Charities Lansing, Michigan
Social Worker Homemaker Program

- Conducted home visits to families involved with Department of Social Service, now known as Family Independence Agency to assess their readiness for children to be reintroduced to the home environment
- Taught parenting skills to families who were involved with court ordered removal of children
- Taught life management skills to parents
- Worked in coordination with therapist to help clients achieve therapy goals
- Assessed families' environment and skills for reintroduction of children

1985-1994 Child Abuse Prevention Services Lansing, Michigan
Parent Educator

- Conducted workshops on parenting skills
- Ran support groups for new mothers
- Recruited volunteers for the "New Parents" program at Saint Lawrence Hospital

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Director of Project Rachel 2002 - 2004

- Helped on the national Freedom of the Heart Conference Held in Lansing, Summer 2002
- Created workshop sessions on post abortive issues
- Counseled individuals during conference

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of Spiritual Directors International 1998

Member of Right to the Heart, (An organization of Christian women ministers), 2002

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Creating Spiritual Lives Of Women: Spiritual direction for women/moms

REFERENCES

Julie Smith, DRE, Saint Casimir, Lansing, Michigan 517-482-1347

Nancy Joseph, Director of Lay Ecclesial Ministers, Diocese of Lansing, Lansing, Michigan 517-342-2512

Dr. William Brown, Director of TRT, Washington, DC 703-779-2006

OBJECTIVE

Spiritual Direction for Mothers. To hear and respond to God's call

ACCREDITATIONS

Member of Spiritual Directors International 1998

Member of Right to the Heart, (An organization of Christian women ministers), 2002

VERTIUS 2003

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Middle School librarian, Holy Cross, Lansing, Michigan 1992 - 2005

Pastoral Council Alternate, Saint Casimir, Lansing, Michigan

Member of Education Commission and review committee, Saint Casimir, Lansing, Michigan