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Archbishop ListECKi Extends Condolences to the Family of Vicki Thorn

Life of Project Rachel Founder Was Dedicated to Healing From Abortion

Milwaukee, WI -- Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKi extends his sincere condolences and prayers following the passing of Vicki Thorn, the founder of Project Rachel.

Vicki's life was dedicated to a single mission; caring for men and women wounded by abortion. As the founder of Project Rachel, she single-handedly created a post-abortion healing ministry at a time when none existed.

"I, along with the staff of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Pastoral Center, extend our deepest condolences to Bill, Vicki's husband, and to her six children," said Archbishop ListECKi. "Vicki's life and work stand as a living testimony to an unwavering and unconditional defense of life at all stages, and to the mercy of God's love."

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church that provides healing for those who have been impacted by abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion.

Vicki maintained an office at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee pastoral center for 37 years. During that time, her ministry expanded across the U.S. and around the world. Today, the ministry of Project Rachel continues and is overseen by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

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Vicki received several prestigious recognitions from the Catholic Church for her dedication to healing. In 2008, she was inducted into the Pontifical Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In 2009, she received the People of Life Award from the USCCB for her pro-life service to the Church and she had been a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life for many years. In 2019, Notre Dame University awarded the *Evangelium Vitae* Medal to Vicki for her lifetime of work.

More information about Project Rachel is available at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/project-rachel-ministry>

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