

Wonder Women! – Then and Now

For November I am writing the devotional paper. Many thanks to Sr Diane Thornton for this opportunity.

I will be highlighting the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg who recently died 18 September 2020, aged 87. She was born in Flatbush, Brooklyn on 15 March 1933.

Why was she a Wonder Woman?

She became the most important female lawyer in the history of America. A Supreme Court Justice. Appointed by Bill Clinton in 1993; the court's second-ever female Justice and served for nearly 30 years.

God teaches us the importance of small beginnings. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a Jewish woman who came from humble beginnings. She was a wife, a mother and just

as importantly, became a brilliant Woman of Power. She established an Impressive legal legacy long before she became a judge. She strongly helped to reshape US society for example, due to her actions in 1954, school segregation was ruled to be unconstitutional. Over the years, she challenged many inequalities for example equal pay for women. She also stood up for equal justice and fought for a more free and fair America. In 1971, she helped expand possibilities for American women for example, many Banks would not issue women credit cards but due to the 'equal credit act', which stemmed from legal work directed by Ginsburg, everyone is now judged on creditworthiness opposed to factors such as race or gender. In 1972 she was the founder and General Counsel of the 'American Civil Liberties union, Women's Right Project' which governs and preserves everyone's rights to freedom and liberties.

She was so inspirational, that women should recognise her internationally. Nothing could keep her from her destiny. Besides her vast intellect and accomplishments was her amazing humanity.

We must not look at what we have and say that we cannot do anything great, regardless of our age, colour or creed. We all have a calling and should walk in our destinies, be positive contributors to our societies. Do not be afraid to fight for the things that you believe in and have a victorious November.

Sr Audrey B. Kendall

For Discussion:

1. What laws have positively changed your life?
2. What injustices have you experienced? How did you overcome it?