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FILMMAKER LINDA BOOKER AT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, NC – Filmmaker Linda Booker will be present at the 2009 Eucharistic Congress in Charlotte, NC, on Saturday, September 26 to market her feature length documentary film, “Love Lived on Death Row.”

The 84-minute documentary tells the story of the four adult Syriani siblings whose father was sentenced to death for the 1990 murder of their mother. Orphaned and estranged as children, they lived with hate, anger, and confusion as their father lived on North Carolina’s Death Row. Woven into the story is Meg Eggleston, an outgoing grandmother of ten, who befriended their father through letters she wrote at the inspiration of Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*. In 2004, the Syriani siblings collectively yet independently decided to visit their father in prison. What transpired that day was a miracle of forgiveness followed by a journey of healing and reconciliation. However, just when they had regained a father, they found themselves in the throes of a clemency campaign full of national media attention and even greater uncertainty.

Sister Helen Prejean, who provides commentary in “Love Lived on Death Row” says the film is “Heart-rending yet inspirational, this documentary will leave audiences thinking about the Syriani’s story and the issues addressed in it long after viewing.” Critics have called this film powerful, gripping, moving and impressive as it portrays themes such as healing from domestic violence, love and family, restorative justice and capital punishment.

Booker directed and produced the film as a result of reading a news article about the Syriani children fighting for their father’s life. Rarely is the primary victim’s family also the family of the inmate on death row for the crime, and Booker was inspired by the Syriani’s story of amazing forgiveness. The making of this film has led her not only to document the family’s saga, but also the influence of a faith-filled woman who reached out to a stranger in prison. This film stands as a testament of ordinary people putting their beliefs of love and forgiveness into action.

Since its release, “Love Lived on Death Row” has screened at film festivals nationwide as well as being used by faith and other non-profits for group viewing and discussion with director Linda Booker. The film is now available for purchase for multiple uses: home, educational and community libraries as well as community screenings hosted by select non-profit groups; universities and colleges. If you are interested in purchasing the film or scheduling a screening, please visit <http://www.LoveLivedOnDeathRow.com> for more information or stop by the booth at this year’s Eucharistic Congress at the Charlotte Convention Center September 25-26.