

Genevieve Vincent was born in the town of Cayes, Haiti, the third child of the late Wilfrid Vincent and Inotte Vincent. When she was 6 years old, the family moved to Cayes, Haiti to Port-au-Prince, the capital. She attended College Marie-Anne, an all-girl school, for the next 12 years where she not only graduated valedictorian of her class, she solidified her faith through the "Movement Eucharistique des Jeune." (The Youth's Eucharistic Movement.) She served on the National Team for the Movement for many years. In 1987, she moved to the U.S. to pursue her studies. She attended Lehman College (CUNY) in the Bronx and graduated Summa Cum Laude. While at Lehman, she was chosen as one of the first

exchange students with Lehman's campus in Hiroshima, Japan. After she came back from Japan, she was elected Vice-President of Student Government. Gynou, as she is known, went on to attend Baruch College's well-known school of Business on a fellowship, where she obtained her M.B.A. in International Business with honors. Upon graduation, Gynou worked at Lehman College for many years, as a department registrar, and decided to go back to school. She earned a second Master's Degree from Long Island University, this time in Urban Elementary Education, graduating with a perfect GPA. She has been working as a NYC public school teacher for the past 10 years and has always had a story to tell, if you are willing to listen.

Gynou's trademark is her smile, her welcome and willingness to do God's work. She credits her Heavenly Father with her gift of song, and her earthly dad, Papi Wilfrid, with her love for singing. She often remembers how the family used to sing church songs in the car as they drove to school. She often says that God gave her the gift, so she had to give it back to HIM. She has been leading church singing for over 35 years. Within a month of coming to the U.S., she joined the St. Lucy's contemporary Ensemble and then the adult choir. Nowadays, she is both a song leader and the treasurer for the Haitian Committee at St. Lucy's.

Gynou is a gifted speaker who has given numerous spiritual talks and led Life in the Spirit and Growth Seminars. She has also led different youth and prayer groups both in Haiti and in NY. Her deepest belief is that nothing happens to her that God does not permit. She also believes that everything works for the good of those who love God and seek to do His will. She lives to ensure that God is Lord in all aspects of her life. She is grateful for this honor and the gifts God has given her and tries to spread God's love wherever she goes.