

**VINE AND BRANCHES**

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Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats for emotional and spiritual healing after abortion are held internationally. Rachel's Vineyard welcomes, women, men, couples, grandparents and abortion providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education and healing models.

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How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

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**THANKSGIVING REFLECTION AND PRAYER**

*Know that the Lord is God  
 He made us, we are his people, the flock he tends.  
 Enter his gates with Thanksgiving, his courts with praise  
 Give thanks to the Lord; bless his name.  
 For he is good: the Lord whose kindness endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Dearest Friends of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

It is with the deepest gratitude; love and affection that we take the time to remember the many gifts lavished upon this beautiful Movement of the Spirit that is Rachel's Vineyard. The most

precious gift we are thankful for, are those of you who labor in the Lord's Vineyard. You generously offer your hearts, minds and souls to tend to those vine branches that have fallen into the mud, and need your hands to reach out, gently lift them up, wash them clean, and hold them up to the healing light of Christ, the Master of the Vineyard. Because of this generous gift of your self, these wounded branches become healthy members of the Vine, liberated from the wounds that abortion brands so deeply in the heart of its victims.

But there are many others who offer the material assistance both at the local and international levels that equips and empower us to continue to spread the RV Retreats throughout the world. You also reach out with the love of Christ, and share in the daily healing, transformation, and small and great miracles that are blessedly abundant in the rich soil of Rachel's Vineyard.

In a special way we wish to thank Fr. Frank Pavone and the staff of Priests For Life for the continuing kindness and generosity in sharing their support and expertise at such an important time in our ministries development.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to all of you! We lift our hearts in gratitude together and pray:

*Thank you for your victory over sin, death and evil. Thank you for allowing us to participate in this victory and be humble instruments of spreading your Kingdom.*

*Thank you Father for the precious gift of your Son's body and blood from which we draw the strength to labor in the vineyard.*

*Thank you Jesus for the power of your resurrection, manifest faithfully on every Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.*

*Thank you Holy Spirit for empowering us with the Word of God, so alive and active on our Rachel's Vineyard Retreats and the promised gifts you so generously share with us so that we may bring healing to all those wounded by abortion.*

Kevin and Theresa Burke  
Founding Directors of Rachel's Vineyard

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We never become truly spiritual by sitting down and wishing to become so. You must undertake something so great that you cannot accomplish it unaided.

Phillips Brooks

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A Message from the Pastoral Director

Yet another testimony to the fact that prayer is powerful is how the Lord opened the door for so many pro-life candidates in this election. Tens of thousands of citizens joined our prayer novena for the election. We prayed that believers would engage in the process rather than sit on the sidelines, and they did, in far greater numbers than usual. We prayed that the culture of life would be advanced.

The prayer campaign will continue, now with a different prayer: a prayer of commitment to the cause of life. We are asking each person to pray each day for an end to abortion, and the simple prayer we are asking them to use is found at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org)  
<http://www.PrayerCampaign.org>

A Spanish version is provided. Would you please spread this idea and encourage people to sign up on the website? The more that people pray about the abortion problem, the more they think about it, and that can only help efforts like Rachel's Vineyard.

Hope to see you soon. Have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration!

Fr. Frank Pavone  
Pastoral Director

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### **A NOTE FROM RACHEL'S VINEYARD IN RUSSIA**

Greetings from the Russian Far East!

I would like to personally thank you for the work you do, for the creation of the retreats. I witnessed in May the miracles of Grace through these retreats. It has given me a renewed sense of hope for healing and relief for the distress so prevalent in Russia. I'm praying that these retreats may reach all of Russia and other Eastern countries, as the need is so great. We are counting on your prayers. I am very thankful to God and to you for having responded to His call for giving women hope in the midst of incredible pain.

Catherine Lesage  
Madonna House

(For more information on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in Magadan, Oblast – Russia contact [Fr. Mike Shields](#) Their next retreat will be November 12-14, 2004.)

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### **A NOTE FROM RACHEL'S VINEYARD IN IRELAND**

My first Rachel's Vineyard on my own went fantastic. It was awesome to see everyone so happy on Sunday. One participant hated God and had been away from her faith for a long time. Sunday evening she came to me before the end and hugged me and said, "What have you done to me?" Her eyes were full of Joy. I boast in the Lord, I got through the retreat as if I had been doing this all my life. I am in awe of the mighty power of God. My next retreat is on the 18th of February and I am so looking forward to it. God bless Theresa and all who labor in the Vineyard.

[Bernadette Goulding](#)  
Cork City, Ireland

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### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD PLANTED IN SPAIN**

By Celia Ryan, LCSW

The first Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Spain occurred just outside of Madrid. God was so overwhelmingly present; it was a profound and powerful experience! The words on the wall of the chapel were "Awaiting the Holy Spirit." We didn't have to wait long!

A little girl from the south arrived by bus and was ready to bolt any minute, her arms tightly wrapped tightly around herself all weekend with pain and fear – suddenly bursting with joy on Sunday, a smile from ear to ear almost splitting her face, I don't need to speak a word of Spanish to “know” what happened. Alleluia!

The skeptical young woman from another Spanish town, who was deep into some cult arrived somewhat blasé. Her eyes were dead, no need to speak Spanish to see that her soul was dark and her inner light dimmed. She sat stoic all weekend until Sunday when her whole body language shifted to immense relief. She carried her babies she met in the meadow close to her bosoms and a soft smile. Now there was a bright light in her eyes again, Lazarus back from the dead! Alleluia!

Another individual talked about her issues-- whatever the pain was that she was carrying, it suddenly burst out from her – no need to speak Spanish to know her agony and to resonate with her anguish! It's very likely this woman will probably join the ministry team of Rachel's Vineyard and offer her gifts into service to others. We are all learning to totally trust in God and His ways...Alleluia!

Another woman cried buckets writing her letter and brought her bereavement doll (representing not only her aborted baby but also her wounded inner child) to the cradle along with all of us. By Sunday I hardly recognized her, so soft, smiling and gentle. She is a tireless and energetic advocate and I have no doubt that Rachel's Vineyard in Spain will become a rich vineyard.... Alleluia!

Another soul bore a great weariness. I sensed there was something deeper she was struggling with, but she deflected her own pain to take very good care of everyone else. But on Sunday, it broke through... she hurled her rock so far...and then her whole body blossomed and opened up, free and energized! Alleluia!

Eugenia led the retreat in her fluent tongue. She freed me to be a loving presence as she brought her own witness to the table in a humble way. We covered many hours of adoration and we laughed and cried and prayed together in a way only Rachel's Vineyard teams know about! Remember, I speak no Spanish. Eugenia & I were so moved and felt so privileged & blessed to be part of this new outreach.

While we were all in the chapel during the “Touching of the Cloak” Living Scripture Exercise, a powerful, tangible, presence was in the room with all of us – we all felt it and said so later - it felt to me like it must have been like that for the apostles, alone and scared in that upper room and grieving their dead Master, and so unsure. Time stood still. We all just stayed very quiet and then all were crying quietly as the spirit moved each one as ordained. Words cannot do it this experience justice; it was very profound and so, so moving.

Eugenia & I had prayed a lot the preceding days in Madrid in a beautiful medieval church asking that God use us as he wanted and that we would say yes no matter what – We gave a professional workshop which sparked some interest there in the professional Community. There were two women from (Spain's equivalent of) Planned Parenthood's post abortion outreach & I believe they were most intrigued. Spain has a political pro-life Party, abortion is technically illegal but done all the time for the “well-being of the mother.”

*Celia is a licensed Clinical Social Worker who writes from Washington DC. She can be reached through [www.GriefWorks.com](http://www.GriefWorks.com)*

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Eugenia also shares a reflection on her experience in Spain:

Some of my friends ask how was it? The only way for me to explain is that it was the biggest spiritual experience in my life. I have been very blessed all through my life with lots of beautiful spiritual moments but nothing compares with what happened and what we felt through out the weekend. I think you have read what Celia wrote about all the details in the changes of spirit and heart of each one of us through out the weekend. It was AWESOME!! However, I want to share what I have felt since I came back, with such love in my heart. It's hard to explain.... it is like I have been touched and filled with such LOVE!

I just want to thank you all for all the prayers, all the love, and all the blessings that I came home with. I'm so blessed to be able to participate in this work of God. There is not other way of calling this incredible mercy and love that each one of us get after we participate in a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. We have to keep doing this and bring it to the whole world. Thank you Theresa and Kevin, and thank you all that made it possible for me to go to the most wonderful spiritual experience of my life.

Your sister in Christ,  
Eugenia.

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We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.

A. W. Tozer - From *The Pursuit of God*

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### **UPCOMING CLINICAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

February 25, 2005      El Paso, Texas  
Clinical Training Seminar (6) CEU Credits available  
Contact Dr. Sherwood Kaip [LKaip@earthlink.net](mailto:LKaip@earthlink.net)  
(915) 584-0620; (915) 309-6340 cell; (915) 231-9916

February 26, 2005      Banquet for NOEL of El Paso  
Contact Dr. Sherwood Kaip [LKaip@earthlink.net](mailto:LKaip@earthlink.net)  
(915) 584-0620; (915) 309-6340 cell; (915) 231-9916

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### **Other News in Post Abortion Training & Education**

Hope Alive is the post abortion and abuse program developed by Dr. Philip Ney and Dr. Marie Peeters Ney. Upcoming trainings for HOPE ALIVE are as follows:

February 20-26, 2005      Victoria, Canada, Mount Joy College  
Contact: Dr. Philip G. Ney  
250-642-1848  
Fax: 250-642 1841  
[pgney@telus.net](mailto:pgney@telus.net)

March 13-19, 2005

Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Contact: Sonja Kvale  
(479) 855-0072; FAX (479) 855-6387  
[HopeAliveUSA@aol.com](mailto:HopeAliveUSA@aol.com)

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I am telling you the truth: whoever believes in me will do what I do – yes, he will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father’s glory will be shown through the Son. If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:12- 13

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**SHARING OUR JOYS AND TEARS**

Gianna Paulina Pearl Hruby was born to Rachel’s Vineyard Team member Heather Hruby and husband Steve in Omaha, NE October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the feast of St. Faustina. "What are the odds? That's my patron! Our patron saint at Rachel’s Vineyard!" said Heather. Gigi was 22’ inches long and 8’7" and was welcomed by her four brothers and sisters. Thanks for the prayers.

Please prayer for Sr. Susan Karina whose mother recently died. Sr. Susan is a member of the new Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat team in Edwardsville, IL. We pray that her family be comforted during this time of loss and grief.

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**NEW RESOURCE FOR COLLEGE CAMPUS**

"THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX" is available now for you to distribute on your Campus! To view a copy of “Think Outside The Box” go to <http://www.humanlife.org/outsidethebox.html>

Human Life Alliance will send you as many copies of TOTB as needed to flood your campus with this important information FREE of charge. Originally designed to be inserted into college newspapers as paid advertising supplements. To order supplements call Jillian - Director of Campus Outreach - Human Life Alliance 651-484-1040

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Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does. ~William James

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**NEWS FROM SILENT NO MORE**

Silent No More is planning the annual Gathering in front of the Supreme Court Building in Washington DC. The gathering will be held on Monday, January 24th at 5pm (est). And as usual we will gather beforehand but at a new location - The Gospel of Life House at 113 2nd Street. Hotel rooms are available through the March for Life office or you can call Georgette’s office and we’ll fax you the registration form. (We recommend doing this soon as they sell out.)

The goal of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign is to make people aware of what happens to women (and men) after abortion and let those hurting know about the help that is available. In

order to get our message out we must be able to attract the media's attention, which means generating news to create opportunities to promote the truth.

[www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org)

Janet Morana, 888-PFL-3448, [Janet@PriestsforLife.org](mailto:Janet@PriestsforLife.org)

Georgette Forney, 800-707-NOEL, [Georgette@NOELforLife.org](mailto:Georgette@NOELforLife.org)

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

### November 2004 – December

**November 12-14, 2004** – Magadan, Russia

Contact: [Fr. Mikel Shields](mailto:Fr.MikelShields) 99830

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Contact: [Ann Depner](mailto:AnnDepner) 412 456 6955

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Clearwater, Florida

Marian Servants of Our Lady of Divine Providence Retreat House

Contact: [Emma Boe](mailto:EmmaBoe) 813 631 4370

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Mesa, Arizona

Local hosts: St. Timothy and St. Thomas the Apostle

Contact: [Karen or Mary](mailto:KarenorMary) 480 329 6795

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Rapid City, South Dakota

Contact: [Carol Kling](mailto:CarolKling) 605 374 5639

**November 12-14, 2004** -- San Fernando, California

Contact: [Christine Lowe](mailto:ChristineLowe) 866 2 RACHEL

Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles](http://Rachel'sVineyardLosAngeles)

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Billings, Montana

Local host: Sacred Heart Renewal Center of Billings, Montana

Contact: [Susan Gliko](mailto:SusanGliko) 406 846 3509

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Medford, Oregon

Contact: [Lori Eckstine](mailto:LoriEckstine) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Edwardsville, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri

Contact: [Karen](mailto:Karen) 618-667-6571 ext 20

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Wichita, Kansas

Local host: Rachel's Vineyard of the Diocese of Wichita

Contact: [Yvonne or Lori](mailto:YvonneorLori) 316 269 4673 or 1-888-456-4673 (statewide only)

**November 12-14, 2004** --New Orleans, Louisiana

Retreat location: Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, MS

Contact: [Melanie Baglow](mailto:MelanieBaglow) 504 889 2431

Contact: [Nancy Rodrigue](mailto:NancyRodrigue) 504 269 8186

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

Contact: [Judy Magnussen](mailto:JudyMagnussen) 423 266 8322

**November 12-14, 2004** -- Auburn, Washington

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](mailto:ValerieJacobs) 800 822 HOPE

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Atlanta, Georgia

Contact: [Mary Ann McNeal](mailto:MaryAnnMcNeal) 404 896 6521

Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Atlanta](http://Rachel'sVineyardAtlanta)

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Romeoville, Illinois  
Local host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office  
Contact: [Kay Corcoran](#) 815 838 7171

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
Local host: Restoration Ministries  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat  
Contact: [Marsha Tucker](#) 336 764 9958

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Roanoke, Virginia  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat  
Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Roanoke](#) 877 HOPE 4 ME

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Linden, New Jersey  
Contact: [Michelle Krystofik](#) 732 388 8211

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Gaylord, Michigan  
Contact: [Beth Bauer](#) 800 727 5147 ext 3533 or 989 705 3533  
Contact: [Diocese of Gaylord](#)  
Note: Interdenominational

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Knoxville, Tennessee  
Contact: [Catherine McHugh](#) 865 694 4971

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Madison, Wisconsin  
Local host: Office of Family Life / Diocese of Madison  
Contact: [Leslie Graves](#) 608 588 7834  
Contact: [Beverly Hartberg](#) 608 821 3177 (weekdays)

**November 19-21, 2004** --North Providence, Rhode Island  
Local host: Rachel Vineyard Retreats of Southern New England  
Contact: [Gail Picard](#) 401 447 3279  
Contact: [Sheila Kuzmic](#) 401 348 8874

**November 19-21, 2004** --Winston Salem, North Carolina  
Contact: [Shelley Glanton](#) 828 684 4330

**November 19-21, 2004** -- Las Vegas, Nevada  
Contact: [Kathleen Miller](#) 702 737 1672

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Sacramento, California  
Contact: [Kathy Conner](#) 916 733 0140

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Columbia / Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Contact: [Joy Crimmins](#) 717 993 5450

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Lafayette, Louisiana  
Contact: Karol D. Meynard 337 261 5607

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Staten Island, New York  
Mt. Manresa Retreat Center  
Contact: [Cheryl](#) or [Mary](#)  
Contact: Christa 1 888 735 3448

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Bridgeport, Texas  
Note: Interdenominational retreat  
Contact: [Betsy Kopor](#) 817 923 4757  
Contact: [Kristie Smith](#)

**December 3-5, 2004** -- Raleigh, North Carolina  
Note: Spanish retreat  
Contact: [Yaralitz Erives](#) 336 495 0279  
Contact: [Gloria Maldonado](#) 919 548 3671

**December 6-8** -- Madrid, Spain  
Contact [Pilar](#) 34 916343741

**December 10-13, 2004** -- Sydney, Australia

Contact: [Julie Kelly](mailto:Julie.Kelly@nti4.com) 02 9440 7980

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