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The Monthly e-Newsletter of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries  
February 2007

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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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**Infinity Love!**

By Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW

I was tucking in our youngest child Stanley (age 7) at the end of a long day...and holding him close I softly said, "Daddy loves his Stanley." As I pulled back from our embrace Stanley looked at me intently and said, "Daddy I love you with an infinity love...that will go on forever and ever... till infinity!" I was very touched by his words and immediately felt it to be a moment of grace. I responded "Stanley, that's how we know we come from God, because he made us to love Him and each other for ever, till infinity!"

Upon further reflection it struck me in a new way that we were created to seek that eternal love - which is the essence of a God who is Love (1 John 4:8) Genesis tells us that God created us in His Divine image (Gen. 1:27). This hunger for eternal love is written into our spiritual DNA.

Unfortunately as a result of the temptation and fall of our first parents, our failed relationships and life experiences, we fail to experience the eternal love of our Heavenly Father in this life and into “infinity” in heaven. False idols can consume our passion and separate us from the true source of “infinity love.”

So often, abortion is somehow connected to rejection of the human heart, a thwarting of our deepest longings to be loved with a faithful, pure and eternal love by another. In the pain of this rejection, the child, created and destined for love, is also rejected with powerful consequences for all who participate in abortion. The more we learn about the effects of unhealed abortion loss in marriage and family relationships and our communities, we can see that abortion, as Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed so vigorously, threatens the very fabric of our society:

**"... Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. ... That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." (Mother Theresa -- "Notable and Quotable," Wall Street Journal, 2/25/94, p. A14)**

How do we find our way back to the Garden, to the destiny and love we were created for? This path leads not to the Garden of Eden...but to Calvary, and ultimately to the empty tomb. This is the journey that all participants make on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Who is the great healer that transforms broken hearts and broken relationships? It is love incarnate, Jesus the Lord. Together let us lift up our hearts and stand face to face with our Eternal Father, with the trust and confidence of a child, and share with Him this great gift he has given us, a heart created for love... "I love you Lord with an infinity love that will never end!"  
May our ministries reap an even more abundant harvest in 2007, especially with those who are most in need of His Mercy!

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**Newsworthy To Note:**

- Rachel's Vineyard Ministries has been named one of America's top Catholic Social Institutions. Some 2.5 million readers will learn about Rachel's Vineyard's faith commitment, mission, and good works in the March 2007 issue of Catholic Digest featuring "Catholic Groups You Need To Know About."
- Kevin and Theresa Burke published an article in The Ethics and Medics Newsletter as a response to a discussion that discouraged bringing the topic of abortion up in marriage preparation programs. To read the article published in Ethics and Medics January 2007, Volume 32, Number 1 you can visit them on-line at <http://www.ncbcenter.org:80/em/0701-2.aspx> or you may [click here](#) [click here](#) to review the response on the Rachel's Vineyard website
- Rachel's Vineyard website is finally getting it's extreme makeover! Right now we are in Phase I of the project – which is first and foremost a new face-lift. In phase II, we'll be changing the complete format of our navigational system so that it will be easier to find things. In the final phase, we'll include some wonderful features that will enable viewers

to access conversations, education and audiovisual programs. Thanks for all the support you have given toward this project! Check out our new look at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

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**Help Support Our Work**

As 2007 continues to move forward, we have had so many wonderful opportunities through EWTN, and radio programs to share about our ministry, and increase public awareness and knowledge of post-abortion trauma. Our hotline has been buzzing constantly with requests from those seeking post-abortion healing, and from those who wish to offer themselves as volunteers in our efforts. My inbox has been overflowing with ‘thank-you’s’ from people all over the U.S. who have heard about our ministry and want to share their gratitude for the work done by Rachel’s Vineyard retreat teams all over the world.

Alongside this wonderful response to our message of healing are all the hopes and plans we have for our ministry to continue to grow in the future. With your help and the help of many dedicated volunteers and supporters, we have come a long way! But as we continue to grow and move forward, we ask for your continued support.

Please help us to continue serving by offering your prayers. We all know that without this necessary gift, our ministry would not be able to function. Second, we ask you to help us serve by offering your time. If you are interested in volunteering for Rachel's Vineyard in any way, please feel free to contact <mailto:Andrea@rachelsvineyard.org>

Third, we ask you to please aid our ministry by giving financially. A tax-deductible donation of \$1000, \$500, \$100, \$25 or any amount can be made by calling us to donate using your credit card at 610-354-0555 or donate online, through this link: <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>, or by sending us an e-mail at <mailto:Andrea@rachelsvineyard.org> to receive a postage-paid envelope or just sending us your donation to this address:

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King of Prussia, Pa. 19406

In the Love of Christ,  
Theresa & Kevin Burke

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The best way to predict the future is to create it.  
Peter Drucker

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**A Note from Our Pastoral Director**

Dear Friends,

Scripture tells us, “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

That summarizes our message. Ultimately, the protection of life, and the healing of those who have taken it, rests on a word spoken to the heart – a word that originates with God and is then passed along by us, his servants.

God has made this work both easy and hard for us. It's easy, in that His word is clear, certain, and unchanging – the word of truth about the sanctity of life, and the word of mercy about the healing of sin and other wounds.

Yet the work is hard because there is no guarantee that the hearers will, in fact, open their hearts. Sometimes they harden their hearts instead, not accepting the truth, and not desiring the mercy. We, in the meantime, can only propose and re-propose the message, invite and re-invite to the healing mercy.

We are best suited to do all this when our own hearts are not only open, but broken open. “Lord, break my heart!” is a perfect prayer for us. We should beg for the gift of mourning and weeping over the sin of abortion. When it makes us weep, we will be all the better prepared to help others weep, and to bring healing to their tears.

You are in my prayers each day!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Frank Pavone  
Pastoral Director and Chairman, Rachel's Vineyard

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**EWTN provides Publicity for Rachel's Vineyard!**

During the month of January, our friends at EWTN aired numerous programs that we have made on post abortion trauma and healing.

Dr. Theresa Burke appeared with Fr. Mitch Pacwa on EWTN Live on January 24, 2007. The program generated an avalanche of calls and mail.

One viewer writes:

“I have just finished watching a post-abortion program on EWTN here in the United Kingdom. For the first time in my life I heard women sharing stories, emotions and consequences of abortion. For the first time I began to understand myself and many of the emotions I have never dared to acknowledge in any manner. The guilt and pain of loss has been with me everyday. How I robbed my daughter of a sister to share her life with, every day I see the void of where she would be and every year I have acknowledged her death in shameful silence.

Thank for acknowledging, above all, that it is not a choice. Thank you so much. Thank you for speaking of the internalized anger, the difficulty in bonding with subsequent children, thank for acknowledging the complete loss of inner worth, and thank you for acknowledging the complete loss of self in every way.

And thank you. I now know in my silence I am not alone with this and that as long as I am not alone there is hope for mercy and forgiveness for this awful thing that has happened. So, please, I beg you, keep helping women, and keep educating our young women so that they may avoid so much harm. And keep vocalizing about the consequences so that other women like I might heal.”

To order a copy of the January 24<sup>th</sup> program on *EWTN Live* click here:  
<http://www.ewtnreligiouscatalogue.com/2007/cid=382/shop.axd/Category>

To order “Making Abortion Rare” a six-part mini-series hosted by Theresa Burke and David Reardon [click here](#):

For other resources click here:

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And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud  
was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.  
Anais Nin  
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**The Changing Face of the March for Life**  
By Andrea Staargaard

The face of the March for Life has changed. Even in the brief five years that I have been working in pro-life efforts such as volunteering at pregnancy centers and public outreach through education, I can see the large steps that have been taken by the movement to incorporate the voice of post-abortive women and men. At every turn I am further heartened by the compassion, the unity, and the single vision that is becoming more and more a part of the pro-life environment today.

No event is such a marked testament to this change than the March for Life. My first March was five years ago, in 2002. I remember going with my church, as a senior in high school. It was less than a year after my abortion – I was 17, and the only person who knew about my abortion was the friend who accompanied me to this event. I remember standing at the rally before the March, listening to senators talking about women who “sacrificed their children on the altar of convenience.” I was ashamed – they were talking about me. That day I walked by several men with bullhorns, shouting that women who aborted their children were going to hell. The final straw came later when a friend in my pro-life college group (who didn’t know my history) stated unequivocally that women who had abortions were excommunicated without question. It hurt to go to the March. It hurt to take a pro-life stance with an abortion in my past. I felt like I couldn’t share my past with those I struggled to help.

How far we have come!!! This past year, I had the honor to join Silent No More Awareness Campaign throughout the rally – holding up an “I Regret My Abortion” sign; right next to my sisters and brothers who had withstood the same loss I had suffered. I felt a great sense of gratitude and support standing with them. I didn’t feel ashamed before that vast crowd; I didn’t feel like I had to hide my past. I felt like all those people were there to mourn with me, to cry out for justice with me, and to rejoice in healing with me.

Today, thanks to a better understanding of post-abortion trauma, mothers and fathers of aborted children are helped every day through ministries like ours. The vast majority of friction and static I get about my past comes from those who claim to be pro-choice. I attended the so-called “March for Women’s Lives,” with Silent No More and was openly mocked by the opposing side. We were sneered at, made fun of, and I remember one woman in particular screaming, “You should be ashamed of yourselves!” I have never been less ashamed of myself in my life than when I stand up for my rights, for the rights of the son I lost, for the rights of my sisters and friends and the generations that will come after me.

At a Silent No More Gathering that took place after the March for Life this year, women and men gave their brave testimonies about their abortion experiences. The speakers were completely composed and shared their stories with powerful emotion, but not histrionics. There were tears, but they were gentle, and each participant took time to mention the great healing they had experienced. Many cited Rachel's Vineyard Ministries as being responsible for the transformation of their hearts and their lives. In contrast was the short-lived protest by NARAL, which featured the screaming of meaningless slogans, and attempts to silence the voices of the very women that pro-choice groups claim to represent. They came and went briefly – their impact hardly felt in the face of the truth we proclaimed.

My most vivid memory of the March this year was a wonderful man who spoke to the assembled women of Silent No More before the Gathering. He held his fist in the air, smiled proudly at those holding "I Regret" signs, and said, "Regret but not shame, ladies, regret but not shame!" His words echoed one theme that must be highlighted – this was not an event designed to revel in the guilt and grief of abortion, but a chance for us as parents who had lost children to abortion to finally have the chance to stand up for our true rights, the right of their children to life, and to decry the lie of abortion. I regret, but I am not ashamed. I cry out, but not in pain – I cry out for justice, and I cry out with the voice given to me by the dedicated representatives of Rachel's Vineyard who helped heal me from my pain.

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"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that is this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained."

Marie Curie, French Physicist, winner of two Nobel Prizes.

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### **New York Times Asks the Question!**

By Theresa Burke

The New York Times Magazine recently featured a front cover story that asked the question... "Is there a Post Abortion Syndrome?" (January 21, 2007) While the author of the article, Emily Bazelon, cousin of NARAL co-founder Betty Freidman, reveals a rather biased agenda; at least the question has finally hit mainstream media! If there were no such thing, why would thousands of women and men be coming forward for help each year? Why would our own ministry be growing all over the world?

I spoke to Ms. Bazelon for over an hour as she began writing her article three months ago. She told me she was half-way through reading my book "*Forbidden Grief – The Unspoken Pain of Abortion*." Funny, that title never found it's way into the New York Times Magazine, although every pro-choice author's book was mentioned! I also found it interesting that she only quoted one sentence of our lengthy interview. Its clear they're looking to portray a certain "characture or stereotype." My comments on our professional clinical experiences and the thousands of women and men we have worked with in Rachel's Vineyard, obviously did not fit the image of how they want the public to view this devastating community mental health problem. Instead, Ms. Bazelon poses the question: Is there a growing number of anti-abortion activists, who despite social science research, claim that women are traumatized by their abortions, and are trying to use this to re-frame the abortion debate?

No, we're not trying to reframe the debate. We're trying to help those who hurt to find healing and peace. I see it as positive that at the very least, this article acknowledges the claim that

abortion hurts – which they quickly attempted to evaporate by using “research” and highlighting women with complex histories who they believe need to blame abortion for all their emotional problems.

The good news is that those who hurt have recognized themselves in some of the symptoms mentioned. The truth cannot be hidden – no matter how clever or intellectually it is concealed. Dialogue will always be better than silence – because the truth is marching on. Our website has received thousands of hits, our e-mail boxes are full – and our phone lines have been ringing off the hook with therapists who want more information for their clients who are suffering and from those who are seeking recovery. So thank you, New York Times Magazine!

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When mistrust comes in, love goes out.  
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**Upcoming Clinical Training and Speaking Events:**

**February 13**                      **Camden, New Jersey**  
Kevin and Theresa Burke will be presenting with Fr. Mike Mannion  
Contact: Stephanie Claudy  
Phone: 856-583-6130  
[sclaudy@camdendiocese.org](mailto:sclaudy@camdendiocese.org)

**February 23-25**                **Oklahoma City, OK**  
Catholic Men's Conference  
Kevin Burke will be presenting on men and abortion  
Contact: Deacon Bill Bawden  
Phone: 405-751-7115  
E-Mail: [bbawden@steugenes.org](mailto:bbawden@steugenes.org)

**March 2-3**                      **Monrovia, California**  
Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief:  
Media, Culture & The Story Not Told  
Contact: Sherry Smith - Right to Life League, CA  
Phone: 626-398-6100  
E-Mail: [rtlifess@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rtlifess@sbcglobal.net)  
+ Continuing Education Credits Available for nurses and counselors

**April 18-21**                    **St. Louis, Missouri**  
**Heartbeat International Conference**  
Equipping Ministers, Empowering Ministries  
Form more information: [www.heartbeatinternational.org](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org)

**April 21**                      **Danville, Kentucky**  
Pregnancy Loss & Unresolved Grief  
Contact: Sharla Wells  
Sponsored by Cliffview Retreat and Conference Center  
The Catholic Diocese of Lexington  
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

E-Mail: [sharlaky@alltel.net](mailto:sharlaky@alltel.net)  
+ Continuing Education Credits Available

**May 15-16 Tampa, FL**  
Seminar Training on post abortion healing for Diocese of Palm Beach  
Contact: Vocations Office (561)775-9552.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

**June 26- 29, 2007 Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Training Conference**  
Malvern Retreat House, Pennsylvania  
Theme: "Carry the Message – Illuminate the World."  
Contact: Andrea Staargaard  
Phone: 610-354-0555  
E-Mail: [Andrea@RachelsVineyard.org](mailto:Andrea@RachelsVineyard.org)

**June 29-July 1, 2007 Come Aside and Rest Awhile**  
**A Retreat for Leaders in Pro-Life and Post Abortion Ministries**  
Led By Fr. Michael T. Mannion, Fr. Frank Pavone & Theresa Burke  
Retreat House, Pennsylvania

**July 20-22, 2007 Rachel's Vineyard Conference in Ireland**

**Sept - Oct, 2007 Rachel's Vineyard Conferences in Australia**

Keep posted for additional details in upcoming issues of Vine and Branches!

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**Other Conferences of Interest:**

**International Symposium May 18 - 20, 2007 Gaming, Austria**  
Man and Woman He Created Them – John Paul II's Theology of the Body  
Please visit website for more information [www.jp2tob.com](http://www.jp2tob.com)  
Contact: Peter J. Colosi, PhD  
Franciscan University  
Kartause 1  
Gaming, NÖ  
A-3292 Austria  
Phone: (011) (00)43 (0)7485 9867814

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**Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats February – March – 2007**

**For Complete List of upcoming retreats [click here](#):**

**February 2-4, 2007 -- Portland, Oregon**  
Contact: [Lori Eckstine](mailto:LoriEckstine) 800 249 8074 or 541 521 5186

**February 2-4, 2007 -- Lancaster, Kentucky**  
Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Contact: [Sharla Wells](#) 877 792 3330 (toll free)

**February 2-4, 2007** -- Pointe-aux-Outardes, Quebec, Canada

Contact: [Jean-Marc & Diane Richard](#) 418 567 2293

Website: [www.residenceest-joseph.ca](http://www.residenceest-joseph.ca)

**February 2-4, 2007** -- Dallas (Español), Texas

Contact: [Aurora](#) 972 679 4760

**February 9-11, 2007** -- Birmingham / Cullman, Alabama

Contact: [Maria Kaczperski](#) 205-919-3288

Contact: [Maria Steele](#) 256-347-1569

**February 9-11, 2007** -- Steubenville, Ohio

Contact: [Sharon Maedke](#) 740-283-3636

**February 9-11, 2007** -- Santa Rosa, California

Contact: [Valerie Johnson Fish](#) 707 967 1101

**February 9-11, 2007** -- Rochester, New York

Contact: [Betsy](#) 585 328 0648 or 585 313 7100

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Long Island / Uniondale, New York

Contact: [Frank and Lorraine Gariboldi](#) 516 523 0586

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Ann Arbor / Lansing / Detroit Area, Michigan

Contact: [Beth Bauer](#) 734 878 2217 ext 214

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Los Angeles, California

Contact: [Christine Lowe](#) 866 2 RACHEL

Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles](#)

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Phoenix, Arizona

Contact: [Margarita Chong](#) 480 820-3593

Contact: [Dianna Contreras](#) 480 966 1902 ext 103

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Tampa, Florida

Contact: [Emma Boe](#) 813 631 4370

Retreat Location: Clearwater, Marian Servants of Our Lady of Divine Providence

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Belfast, Northern Ireland

Note: Catholic Retreat

Contact: [Marionette Morrison](#) 02890 799967

Contact: [Bernadette](#) 087 859 2877

Website: [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie)

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Rockford, Illinois

Contact: [Catherine Rennert](#) 815 968 1157

Note: Interdenominational retreat

Location: Stronghold Retreat and Conference Center in Oregon, Illinois

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Denver, Colorado

Contact: [Edith Gutierrez](#) 303 410-1710

Contact: [Diane Svoboda](#) 303 359 3289

**February 16-18, 2007** -- Fresno, California

Contact: [Jennifer Butcher](#) 877 629 6626

**February 23-25, 2007** -- Peoria, Illinois

Local Host: King's House Retreat Center in Henry, IL

Contact: [Colleen Harmon](#) 815 303 1184

Contact: [Jeanne Whalen](#) 309 671 1550 or 1 800 367 0702

**February 23-25, 2007** -- Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota

Contact: [Debbi Stocco](#) 952 928 1697 or 651 206 8926 (cell)

Note: Interdenominational - To register [click here](#)

**February 23-25, 2007** -- North Providence, Rhode Island

Local host: Rachel Vineyard Retreats of Southern New England

Contact: [Sheila Kuzmic](#) 401 348 8874

Contact: [Joan Pendergast](#) 401-861-2069

Contact: [Nicole Cunningham](#) 401-263-4442

**February 23-25, 2007** -- Elkton, Maryland

Contact: [Michele Heath](#) 443-350-6196

**February 23-25, 2007** -- Cork City, Ireland

Contact: [Bernadette](#) 087 859 2877

Contact: Dr. Rita O'Connor 061 468 570

Website: [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie)

**February 23-25, 2007** -- Raleigh, North Carolina

Note: Interdenominational retreat

Contact: [Danielle Hallenbeck](#) 919-255-0385

Website: [www.whoisgrace.org](http://www.whoisgrace.org)

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Sydney, Australia

Contact: [Julie Kelly](#) 02 9440 7980

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Prescott Valley, Arizona

Contact: [Diane](#) 928-775-4500

Living Water Retreat Center, Cornville, AZ

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Litchfield, Connecticut

Local host: Archdiocese of Hartford

Contact: [Mary Hayden](#) 203 882 1326

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: [Mary Lee](#) 918 585 8167 ext. 212

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Richmond, Virginia

Local Host: Post Abortion Healing Ministry, Epiphany Catholic Church

Contact: [Kay Marie Geiger](#) 804 330 3137

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Longbranch, Washington

Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Contact: [Susan Lepak](#) 405 709 2707

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Knoxville, Tennessee

Contact: [Catherine McHugh](#) 865 694 4971

**March 2-4, 2007** -- Jacksonville / St. Augustine, Florida

Contact: [Donna Augustine](#) 904 221 3232

**March 9-11, 2007** -- Philadelphia Area, Pennsylvania

Contact: [Priscilla](#) 215-906-6337

Contact: [Geri Symbolic](#) 610 399 0890

**March 9-11, 2007** -- Trenton, New Jersey

Contact: [Judy Warenkiewicz](#) 732 536 6871

**March 9-11, 2007** -- Fort Worth, Texas

Note: Interdenom

Contact: [Betsy Kopor](#) 817 923 4757

**March 9-11, 2007** -- Wichita, Kansas

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

Contact: [Tama Dutton](#) 316 269 4673 or 1-888-456-4673 (statewide only)

**March 9-11, 2007** -- Springfield, Massachusetts

Contact: [Mary Petisce](#) or [Claire Lapointe](#) 413 452 0661

**March 16-18, 2007** -- Linden, New Jersey

Contact: [Michelle Krystofik](#) 732 388 8211

**March 16-18, 2007** -- Eugene, Oregon

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

**March 16-18, 2007** -- Madison, Wisconsin

Local Host: Diocese of Madison/ Office of Justice & Pastoral Outreach

Contact: [Mary Mead](#) 608 221 9593

Contact: Emily Way 608 821 3086

**March 16-18, 2007** -- Allentown, Pennsylvania

Contact: [Maryann Dunn M.S.](#) 866 372 2435

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Sonoma County, California

Local host: After the Choice, Diocese of Oakland

Contact: [Monika](#) 510 267 8335

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Baltimore, Maryland  
Contact: [Denise Douglas](#) 410 354 6900  
Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 800-286-4224

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
Contact: [Stephanie Claudy](#) 866 4 RACHEL

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Providence, Rhode Island  
Local host: Life & Family Ministry, [Diocese of Providence](#)  
Contact: [Kristin Caproni](#) 401 421 7833 ext 119

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Stanwood, Washington  
Contact: [Valerie Jacobs](#) 800 822 HOPE  
(Spanish Retreat)

**March 23-25, 2007**-- Shreveport, Louisiana  
Contact: [Janice or Mary Ann](#) 318-820-1505

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Las Vegas, Nevada  
Note: Interdenominational retreat/ Catholic / Spanish  
Contact: [Kathleen Miller](#) 702 737 1672  
Contact: [Maria Vasquez](#) 702 283 8379 (Spanish)

**March 23-25, 2007** -- Romeoville, Illinois  
Local Host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office  
Contact: [Kay Corcoran](#) 815 838 7171

**March 30- April 1, 2007** -- Temecula, California  
English Retreat:  
Contact: [Dolores Dunphy](#) 951 325 7702

**March 30- April 1, 2007** -- Temecula, California  
Spanish Retreat:  
Contact: Ruth Delgado 951 672-1067 Se Habla Espanol  
Contact: [Raquel R. Cano](#) 951 246 1832

**March 30-April 1, 2007** -- Rock Island, Iowa  
Contact: [Maria Shores](#) 319 530 2597 (mobile)

**March 30-April 1, 2007** -- Sacramento, California  
Contact: [Edie Sickman](#) 916 733 0161

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Never be afraid to try something new.  
Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.  
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