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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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For we are not the kind of people who see the world as is it and ask why.
We are the kind of people who see the world as it could be, and ask why not?
Neale Donald Walsch
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"Carry the Vision - Illuminate the World"
Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Training Conference 2007

This June 26th to the 29th, we will be gathering together as leaders and laborers in the Vineyard, to learn, laugh, and grow together during a three-day leadership conference. The Leadership Conference will be followed by the "Come Aside and Rest Awhile" Retreat.

The theme for this year is "Carry the Vision - Illuminate the World." This represents our desire to educate & empower those who carry the healing message of Rachel's Vineyard not only to those who are in need of post-abortion healing, but also to family, friends and peers. With a dynamic course list and a stellar cast of educators, this year's conference promises to be a challenging &

fun educational experience for everyone, from first-time site leaders to veteran retreat coordinators in the field. With four dynamic tracks, covering Introductory Classes, Outreach, Clinical Training, and Spiritual Growth & Development for the ministry servant, there is truly something for everyone. Our programs will begin with check-in at 3PM on Tuesday, June 26th and will end at 2:30PM on Friday, June 29th. The Come Aside and Rest Retreat will follow through the weekend.

Be assured that we have built into the schedule plenty of time for networking and ‘down time’ during which you can rest and rejuvenate with your peers.

In keeping with our theme and vision for personal growth and empowerment, we have invited Neal Lozano, who has been active in ministry to help people find freedom through Christ for the past 35 years. He is currently the head of both Heart of the Father Ministries and House of God’s Light. He has authored several books, including *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* and the children’s book *Will You Bless Me?* He promises to bring a much-needed perspective to our ministry; in focusing on freeing those we serve through Christ, and also in spotlighting how to free ourselves!

Other main speakers include Fr. Frank Pavone and Kevin and Theresa Burke. Janet Morana, co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign will present on public testimony outreach; Dr. Alveda King, the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be presenting on African-American post abortion outreach. Michelle Krystofik, Susan Swander, and Kathy and Dan Hawk and others promise to be dynamic additions to this year’s presenter list.

We will also be having a “Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Bazaar,” where site leaders can swap ideas, promotional materials, bereavement dolls, music, gifts and remembrances that are unique to their sites. Through many activities, we recognize that we are one body in Christ with many extraordinary gifts to share with each other.

While education is an important part of our conference this year, we are also focusing on networking time and fun activities to keep you engaged and connected with your fellow laborers in the Vineyard. We will be having a Talent Show, where you can feature your own particular genius for our group! This can include comedy, a funny retreat story, music, dancing, creative skits, and poetry – if you have any talent – we’ll help you share it with everyone! It will be our own version of RV Idol with the audience voting for best acts. So, don’t miss out on your moment to shine and achieve RV notoriety! Performances with your Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat team are most welcome – so start thinking now of what your group may want to do. Remember, you are representing your state – your country and your vineyard!

If you are interested in registering for the Leadership Conference this summer, please visit our homepage at www.rachelsvineyard.org <<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>> to view the Conference Brochure. More information on cost and other details of the conference can be found there as well. If you have any questions about registration or the conference in general, please feel free to e-mail us at Andrea@Rachelsvineyard.org <<mailto:Andrea@Rachelsvineyard.org>>.

Come Aside and Rest Awhile

Immediately following the Rachel’s Vineyard Leadership Conference will be the “Come Aside and Rest Awhile Retreat.” This event will run from the evening of June 29th to the early afternoon of July 1st. In a warm, spiritual and rejuvenating atmosphere, Fr. Frank Pavone, Fr. Michael Mannion and Dr. Theresa Burke will lead the retreat along its theme: **Celebrating Our**

Gifts and Ministry as the People of Life. The retreat is also open to leaders in other pro-life ministries and will focus on the power of our unity in Christ to accomplish his work in the world, amidst a diversity of missions, churches and ministries. It will be a time of healing and rejoicing, of challenge and of celebration.

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There are two ways of being creative, One can sing and dance,
Or one can create an environment in which singers and dancers flourish.
Warren G. Bennis

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A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Friends,

My travels have been more intense than ever, and I continue to average going to three to four states per week. As I speak about Rachel’s Vineyard everywhere I go, I notice that it is becoming quite normal for people to acknowledge that this is the premier ministry for healing after abortion.

That is why I am looking forward so much to our June training session. It will be a time for us all to become even better equipped to participate in a ministry that has such a great reputation and record of service. It will be an occasion for us to recapture the vision – and that is the essence of “renewal” in any ministry or organization. We recapture, as if for the first time, the understanding of why this ministry came to be and what part it is meant to play in God’s plan. Moreover, we root our activity in the faith that inspires that vision, and we examine ourselves to make sure our activity is leading back to the God who inspires it.

You are all in my prayers each day. Let us be encouraged, and let us pass that same encouragement along to those in our path each day!

Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director, Priests for Life
Pastoral Director, Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries

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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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A Message of Hope for Men

Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW was the keynote speaker at the 11th annual "In His Footsteps" Men's Conference in Oklahoma City. He gave a presentation on men and abortion and the effects on marriage life. Mike, who serves on the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat team in Oklahoma City, shared his testimony to over 500 men gathered.

Archbishop Beltran also expressed his gratitude that this topic was addressed at a men's conference in such a powerful and moving way. Susan Lepak, who serves as the Associate Director for the Office of Family Life reports that “A lot of men went to confession that day, and numerous men called to inquire about upcoming retreats.” Susan explained that she had just gotten off the phone with a woman who shared that her husband and his friends were profoundly

changed, and are ready to come on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat with their wives! This was an issue that the husbands were unwilling to address with their spouse prior to the conference. Susan exclaimed: "Oklahoma City will never be the same!"

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The art of living lies less in eliminating our troubles than in growing with them.
Bernard M. Baruch
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Help Support Our Work

Today, we find ourselves at the forefront of care for victims of post-abortion trauma, in a ministry that promises continued growth and further outreach to those in need. As we continue to expand internationally, your generous support is essential to our mission. Please consider continuing (or beginning!) to give to Rachel's Vineyard through some of the ways outlined below:

Please help us to continue serving by offering your prayers. If you are interested in volunteering with Rachel's Vineyard, please feel free to contact Andrea@RachelsVineyard.org. A tax-deductible donation of \$1000, \$500, \$100, \$25 or any amount can be made by calling us to donate using your credit card or donate online, through this link: <<<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>>>, or by sending us an e-mail at Andrea@RachelsVineyard.org <<mailto:Andrea@RachelsVineyard.org>> to receive a postage-paid envelope or just send your donation to this address:

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
808 N. Henderson Road
King of Prussia, Pa. 19406

We wish you and your families a Happy St. Patrick's Day!
In Christ,
Theresa and Kevin Burke

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There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved.
George Sand
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Let's Pray Together:

Please join us in prayer for those leaders in Rachel's Vineyard Ministries who have recently lost loved ones: Let's remember Dr. Martha Shuping, from North Carolina, as she grieves the death of her father; Melanie Baglow, from New Orleans, as she grieves the death of her mother; and Caryn Stevens, from Dallas, Texas, who is also grieving the loss of her mom.

Please pray for those who are suffering illnesses, especially Janet Miller in Winnipeg, Canada; Janet Kormish's husband in Kelowna, British Columbia; and Joan Marie Reiley, from Philadelphia, and please pray for Linda Mahoney's mom, who is undergoing diagnostic tests.

Please pray for Judy Hahaj at the Life Line Pregnancy Center, Wilmington, North Carolina, who will be starting a Rachel's Vineyard program for women in prison.

We pray in gratitude for those who volunteer their time so selflessly in staffing our national hotline. In particular, we ask for graces and blessings upon Tracy Reynolds and Joan Marie Reiley, LSW, for their faithful assistance, patience and generosity.

We also pray in thanksgiving for the financial support provided by Priests for Life for Rachel's Vineyard and in appreciation for all the organizations and individuals who donate their time and talents in this work of mercy.

O God our Father, your vine grows from the seed of the Gospel, sown in the depths of the earth through the death of your Son, raised into the light of day by his resurrection. Make us strong in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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I've learned that submissive prayer is prayer that welcomes God to work in and through my suffering rather than begs him to take it away. It's thanking God for what he gives me rather than resenting him for what I lose. Submissive prayer is changing me from someone who knew a lot about God into someone who's experiencing God in deep, though sometimes difficult, ways.

Nancy Guthrie

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Billboards for Rachel's Vineyard

“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, weep not.”
Luke 7:13

For the past four years, Pinckney Pro-Life has been reaching out to those who are suffering after abortion in a unique and inventive way. Over 200 Lifeboards (roadside billboards) have been erected nationwide, and they contain the image of The Divine Mercy, for those who have lost children to abortion. Their outreach has been made possible by generous donors and motivated by grassroots volunteers. The image has touched the hearts of untold numbers across the nation. The billboard prominently displays the hotline number for Rachel's Vineyard, which has received many calls as a direct result of this project.

Pinckney Pro-Life would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels the call to bring Project Lifeboard to their area. They are happy to work with organizations, youth groups, and churches to bring Christ's mercy and love to those who are suffering.

For more information contact Michelle Bethke at Pinckney Pro-Life (734) 426-4740.
To view a picture of the billboard - [Click here](#)

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Upcoming Clinical Training and Speaking Events:

April 18-21, 2007 **St. Louis, Missouri**
Heartbeat International Conference
Equipping Ministers, Empowering Ministries
Form more information: www.heartbeatinternational.org

April 21, 2007 **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
+ Continuing Education Credits Available

- May 15-16, 2007 Palm Beach, FL**
Kevin will be presenting at a Seminarian Training on post abortion healing for Diocese of Palm Beach
Contact: Vocations Office (561)775-9552.
- 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
- June 29-July 1 Come aside and rest awhile Retreat**
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 21, 2007 Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training in Cork, Ireland**
Contact: Bernadette Goulding
bergoulding@eircom.net
- July 22, 2007 Cork, Ireland**
Regional Skills Building Clinic for facilitators in Rachel's Vineyard
Contact: Bernadette Goulding
bergoulding@eircom.net
- Sept 25 – Oct 1, 2007 Rachel's Vineyard Conferences in Australia**
Melbourne, Hobart, and Sydney
(Keep posted for details and contact information in upcoming Editions of Vine & Branches)
- October 12, 2007 Tampa, Florida**
Clinical Training Sponsored by Diocese of St. Petersburg
Contact: Emma Boe (813) 631-4370 ext. 222
eboe@ccdosp.org
- November 30, 2007 Tulsa, Oklahoma**
Pregnancy Loss and Unresolved Grief Seminar
Sponsored by Saint Francis Health Systems and Catholic Charities
Contact: Theresa Valento (918) 494-1096 trvalento@saintfrancis.com
*** Continuing Education Credits Available

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

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Hope is the word that God has written on the brow of every man.
Victor Hugo

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: March – April

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 -- Atlanta, Georgia
Contact: [Mary Ann McNeal](#) 404 896 6521
Contact: [Rachel's Vineyard Atlanta](#)

March 9-11, 2007 -- Philadelphia Area, Pennsylvania
Contact: [Priscilla](#) 215-906-6337
Contact: [Geri Simboli](#) 610 399 0890

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 16-18, 2007 -- London, England
Contact: [Susan Boyle](#) 020 7723 1740

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 23-25, 2007 -- Jacksonville / St. Augustine, Florida
Contact: [Donna Augustine](#) 904 221 3232

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 Español

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

March 30-April 1, 2007 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan

Contact: [Maggie Walsh](#) 800 800 8284 or 616 233-0081

April 13-15, 2007 -- Fairfield County, Connecticut

Contact: [Clarissa Cincotta](#) 203 218 0291

April 13-15, 2007 -- Kelowna, British Columbia

Contact: [Janet Kormish](#) 250 762 2273 or 877 683 CARE

April 13-15, 2007 -- Arlington, Virginia

Local host: Diocese of Arlington

Contact: [Myriam](#) 703 729 7998

April 13-15, 2007 -- Portland, Maine

Contact: [Sandra Thompson](#) 207 879 1130 ext 770

Contact: Annette 207 879 1130 ext 771

Toll-free in Maine only: 800 CARE 002

April 20-22, 2007 -- Long Island / Uniondale, New York

Note: Spanish

Contact: [Donna Crean](#) 631-243-2373

April 20-22, 2007 -- Asheville, North Carolina

Contact: [Shelley Glanton](#) 828-670-8192 or 828-230-4940

April 20-22, 2007 -- Cincinnati, Ohio / Northern Kentucky

Contact: [Peggy Feirstine](#) 513 588 0080

April 20-22, 2007 -- Omaha / Lincoln, Nebraska

Contact: [Heather](#) 402 871 4812

April 20-22, 2007 -- Scottsdale, Arizona

Contact: [Magdalin](#) 602-358-8709

April 20-22, 2007-- Wheeling, West Virginia
Contact: [Jackie Hamilton](#) 304 230 2229 ext 104

April 20-22, 2007--Pittsburgh (Western), Pennsylvania
Note: Interdenominational retreat
Contact: [Kathy or Dan Hawk](#) 412-257-3120

April 20-22, 2007 -- Janesville, Wisconsin
Contact: [Cheryl Ryan](#) 608 755 9739 or 608 754 0309
Local host: [Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville](#)
Note: Interdenominational retreat

April 20-22, 2007 -- Dallas (English), Texas
Contact: [Caryn Stevens](#) 214 544 2273

April 20-22, 2007 -- Wilmington, North Carolina
Contact: Judy or Kathy 910 799 0270
Sponsor: HOPE a Ministry of Life Line Pregnancy Center

April 20-22, 2007 -- Uniondale, New York
Note: Spanish
Contact: [Donna Crean](#) 631-243-2373

April 27-29, 2007 --Richardton, North Dakota
Contact: [Carol Kling](#) 605 374 5639

April 27-29, 2007 -- Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota
Contact: [Nancy Blom](#) 952 882 2072

April 27-29, 2007 -- Edmonton and Rural Area, Alberta, Canada
Contact: [Marlene Javorsky](#)
Contact: [Carla Houston](#) 780 963 4048
Note: Interdenominational Retreat

April 27-29, 2007 -- Tampa, Florida
Contact: [Emma Boe](#) 813 631 4370
Retreat Location: Clearwater, Marian Servants of Our Lady of Divine Providence

April 27-29, 2007 -- Helena, Montana
Local host: CSSM - [Rachel's Hope](#)
Diocese of Great Falls, Billings and Helena
Contact: [Susan Gliko](#) 888-456-4673

April 27-29, 2007 -- Steubenville, Ohio
Contact: [Sharon Maedke](#) 740-283-3636

April 27-29, 2007 -- Corpus Christi, Texas
Contact: [Desda](#) 361 949 1251
Contact: [Fr. Tom Goodwin](#) 361 882 7912

April 27-29, 2007 -- Washington/ DC Metro Area - Maryland

Note: Bilingual Spanish and English

Contact: [Eugenia Hadley](mailto:Eugenia.Hadley@dcmetroarea.org) 301 237 6177

April 27-29, 2007 -- Richardton, North Dakota

Contact: [Carol Kling](mailto:Carol.Kling@northdakota.org) 605 374 5639

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