

**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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To think is easy. To act is difficult. To act as one thinks is the most difficult.  
Johann Wolfgang Von Goeth  
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**Redeeming a Father's Heart: Men Share Powerful Stories of Abortion Loss and Recovery**

Rachel's Vineyard is pleased to announce the publication of a new book put together by our fabulous trio: Kevin Burke, LSW, David Wemhoff & Marvin Stockwell. With foreword by Fr. Frank Pavone and the generous contributions and testimonies of some incredible men, this new book is a welcome group effort!

*Redeeming A Father's Heart* presents the powerful stories of 10 courageous men with the common desire to present the truth of their abortion experience and the consequences of this life changing decision. These stories are exciting and moving testimonies that journey deep into the heart of male post abortion pain...ultimately revealing the miraculous manifestation of God's saving power. These accounts offer a unique look into a number of serious issues men struggle with after their participation in abortion:

- Suicide and Abortion
- When Men have no choice

The Impact on Men who Marry Post Abortive Women  
The Powerful Connection Between Childhood Loss and Male Post Abortion Reactions  
Sexual Addiction and Abortion  
What Happens to a Family when Dad Pressures a Daughter to Abort  
Depression and complicated grief after abortion

These stories provide a greater understanding and appreciation of male post abortion grief. The book is appropriate for husbands, boyfriends, parents, brothers and any man or woman touched by abortion. As men read the experiences of other men, they will feel less isolated and confused. As they read about the power of God to restore and redeem this loss, they will be inspired to reach out for help.

This is a book to share with counselors, clergy, and medical professionals who may encounter suffering men with abortions in their history, and need to understand the importance of emotional and spiritual healing of this loss.

It is our hope and prayer that *Redeeming A Father's Heart* will provide a voice for the countless men who struggle in silent isolation to understand their inner pain. Many may appear successful and in control, but beneath the surface there is an experience of loss, shame and guilt that cries out for repentance and release and a heart that longs for reconciliation and peace. *Redeeming A Father's Heart* reveals that nothing is beyond the capacity of God to heal and redeem.

To order *Redeeming A Father's Heart*, (\$12.95) please contact Kevin Burke at [k.burke@rachelsvineyard.org](mailto:k.burke@rachelsvineyard.org)

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**Carry The Vision – Illuminate the World**

The Rachel's Vineyard International Leadership Conference is quickly approaching. This is a "last call" reminder to reserve your spot.

The conference is a great opportunity to upgrade your leadership capabilities, learn some new facilitation skills and network with other laborers in the vineyard. Our theme this year is "Carry the Vision – Illuminate the World" -- a fitting title for what is happening throughout the globe in Rachel's Vineyard Ministries as more and more people are inspired, called and gifted to participate in this beautiful ministry of healing!

The conference will take place from June 26th through the 29th and will offer numerous opportunities to assist you in growing your ministry. Much-anticipated speaker Neal Lozano will give several presentations including the "Five Keys to Freedom" and "The Power of Forgiveness."

Other speakers include Theresa and Kevin Burke, Father Frank Pavone, Dr. Alveda King, Janet Morana and many others. There will be opportunities for fun, networking, fellowship, talent... not to mention the privilege and inspiration of being with the most incredible people in the world!

Our Leadership Conference will be immediately followed by The Come Aside and Rest Awhile Retreat for Leaders in Life Affirming Ministries. This event will be hosted by Priests for Life and feature talks and inspirational activities led by Msgr. Mike Mannion, Fr. Frank Pavone and Dr. Theresa Burke.

For more information, you can download a registration packet at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).  
Email your completed form to [Office@Rachelsvineyard.org](mailto:Office@Rachelsvineyard.org) or fax it to 610-354-0311.  
It's just a few weeks away, and we are almost to full capacity, so send in your reservation now if you haven't done so already.

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Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance."  
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**Note from the Pastoral Director**

Dear Friends,

I look forward to being with many of you at the conference at the end of June. It will be a great opportunity to encourage one another and share our insights and experiences. The Lord continues to bless this ministry in mighty ways, and I know that we will leave this conference even more convinced of that than ever.

Meanwhile, we focus in June on the topic of fathers, and of the impact of abortion on men. It has been a determined effort of the pro-abortion movement to present abortion as "a woman's issue," and to isolate the woman in her "freedom" and "choice." Not only has this view been totally at odds with reality; it has also been cruel to women. Isolating them with the "choice" of life and death is to wound them and to place upon their shoulders a burden that nobody should have to bear. While it is presented as giving them moral "ownership" of their destiny, it is nothing other than a fancy way of abandoning them.

This has implications for healing ministries. We have to be careful that the focus and structure of our healing mission does not inadvertently reinforce the false isolation of the woman by presenting the issue simply as the healing of the individual woman. It isn't. What we are doing is working to heal the couple, the family, and the whole society. Without that framework, the individual woman cannot be healed adequately.

May the Lord guide all our efforts!

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Pavone  
National Pastoral Director and Chairman, Rachel's Vineyard Ministries  
National Director, Priests for Life

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**Help Support Our Work**

Please continue to pray for Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. If you'd like to bless us with your talents by volunteering please contact [Katie@Rachelsvineyard.org](mailto:Katie@Rachelsvineyard.org). You can also aid our ministry financially by giving. All donations are tax deductible and can be made by calling us directly or donating online at <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>. If you prefer to mail your donation, please send it to: Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

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King of Prussia, PA. 19406

2 Corinthians 9: 7 –8 states, “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

We could not have made it this far without your help. Your donations ensure that we can continue to heal those who are hurting from abortion and spread the word that peace is obtainable and that all hope is not lost.

With gratitude,  
Kevin and Theresa Burke

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May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.. May you be content knowing you are a child of God... Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

St. Theresa's Prayer

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#### **Noteworthy News:**

#### **Forbidden Grief Goes Paperback!**

A paperback edition of Forbidden Grief is available this June! Many of you may have noticed that the hardbacks have been harder and harder to come by. This month they will be widely available! To place an order send an e-mail to [orders@rachelvineyard.org](mailto:orders@rachelvineyard.org). The new books are \$20.00 which includes shipping and handling.

A study guide to accompany later editions of the book is also in the works, and will be available in the near future.

#### **Neat Website!**

Marybeth T. Hagan, Author of "*Abortion: A Mother's Plea for Maternity and the Unborn*" (Liguori Publications) has put up an impressive Website/blog which is educational and inspirational. She posts new information on the site each Monday through Friday. You can visit her site at: <http://www.mothermayibeborn.com>

#### **Worthy To Mention!**

Congratulations to Diane Duncan, Facilitator & Ministry Coordinator for the Rachel's Vineyard Team in Prescott Valley, AZ who was honored by the Phoenix Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Diane is the recipient of the PDCCW Woman of the Year Award for her overall work & success in the Respect Life Ministry & in particular, with Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

#### **Welcome to New Leaders and New Sites!**

Welcome to new site leader Maggie Walsh who has officially taken over the reigns of leadership for Rachel's Vineyard in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We wish the best to Pat Ryan, now embarked



physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. This excerpt describes Aaron's spiritual state: "He threw himself onto the couch staring up at the ceiling, unable to pray, unable to wish away the bitterness that seemed to eat at his soul since Sam's arrival."

I really admire Samantha's strength for attempting to win Aaron back. It isn't an easy task for her. She didn't know if she could do it and I didn't know if she could do it either. She has to climb a lot of mountains, deal with Aaron's turbulent behavior, sarcastic remarks and feisty attitude. Aaron even tries to get her fired from her job! If you want to find out how she did it, go to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) to order a copy of the book today.

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Hope sets big goals and is not frustrated by repeated difficulties or setbacks.  
*Fr. James Keller*  
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**Upcoming Clinical Training and Speaking Events:**

- June 12, 2007**                    **Pregnancy Services Network, New York City**  
Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW will be presenting on Men and Abortion.
- June 26- 29, 2007**            **Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Training Conference**  
Malvern Retreat House, Pennsylvania  
Theme: "Carry the Message – Illuminate the World."  
Contact: [Katie@RachelsVineyard.org](mailto:Katie@RachelsVineyard.org)  
Phone: 610-354-0555
- June 29-July 1**                **Come aside and rest awhile Retreat**  
A Retreat for Leaders in Life Affirming and Post Abortion Ministries  
Led by Msgr. Michael T. Mannion, Fr. Frank Pavone & Theresa Burke  
Malvern Retreat House, Pennsylvania
- July 21, 2007**                **Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training in Cork, Ireland**  
Contact: Bernadette Goulding  
[bergoulding@eircom.net](mailto:bergoulding@eircom.net)
- July 22, 2007**                **Cork, Ireland**  
**Regional Skills Building Clinic for facilitators in Rachel's Vineyard**  
Contact: Bernadette Goulding  
[bergoulding@eircom.net](mailto:bergoulding@eircom.net)
- August 15-21**                **National Conference for Seminarians, Amarillo, Texas**  
Sponsored by Seminarian Life Link  
Join with seminarians from around the country to reflect on the call to priesthood and the defense of human life. Priests and Pro-Life Leaders also welcome! Presenters include Fr. Frank Pavone, Theresa & Kevin Burke, Janet Morana and Dr. Alveda King  
Contact: Priests for Life -- Seminarian Conference  
Tel: (718) 980-4400 ext. 260  
E-mail: [seminarians@priestsforlife.org](mailto:seminarians@priestsforlife.org)

- 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](mailto:eboe@ccdosp.org)
- November 2, 2007 Baltimore, Maryland (Friday Evening)**  
“Regional Skill Building Clinic for Rachel’s Vineyard Leadership in Baltimore, Virginia, DC, Delaware, and Pennsylvania areas
- November 3, 2007 Baltimore, Maryland**  
Deacons Convocation  
Contact: Linda M. Brenegan  
Respect Life Program Director  
Archdiocese of Baltimore  
410-547-5537  
fax: 410-625-8485  
[LBrenegan@archbalt.org](mailto:LBrenegan@archbalt.org)
- November 3, 2007 Baltimore, Maryland**  
Maryland Unites for Life Conference  
Contact: Angela Martin  
700 Melvin Avenue Suite 1  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
410-269-6397  
Fax: 410-263-9138
- 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](mailto:trvalento@saintfrancis.com)  
\*\*\* Continuing Education Credits Available

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

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**Other Conferences of Interest:**

**Sat. June 9, 2007 Kingston, New York**  
“God, Sex, and the Meaning of Life.”  
A Conference with Christopher West  
Sponsor: Family Life/Respect Life Office  
Free for Priests, Religious, and Students  
[www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org) or call Sr.Lucy @ 212-371-1011 x3195

**July 15 - 21, 2007 (Victoria, BC)**

Hope Alive group counseling courses developed by Dr. Philip and Marie Ney will be offered at Mount Joy College. For more information on these courses, as well as the **Online Distance Learning course**, please visit: [www.mtjoycollege.com](http://www.mtjoycollege.com)

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Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
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**Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: June – August**

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Litchfield, Connecticut**

Local host: Archdiocese of Hartford  
Contact: [Mary Hayden](#) 203 882 1326

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Fort Worth, Texas**

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

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma**

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

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Dallas (Español), Texas**

Contact: [Aurora](#) 972 679 4760

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Elkton, Maryland**

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

**June 1-3, 2007 -- Winnipeg, Canada**

Note: Interdenominational  
Contact: [Chris Mackay](#) 1 204 772 1923

**June 8-10, 2007 -- Houston, Texas**

Contact: [Traci](#) 713 379 3844  
Contact: [Cindy](#) 281 286 7729

**June 22-24, 2007 -- Long Island / Uniondale, New York**

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

**June 22-24, 2007 -- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Contact: [Ann Depner](#) 412 456 6955

**June 22-24, 2007 -- Lubbock, Texas**

Contact: [Kathy Krile](#) 806 577 5912

**June 22-24, 2007 -- Portland, Oregon**

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

**June 22-24, 2007 -- Rock Hill, South Carolina**

Contact: [Martha](#) 336 287 8421 (cell)  
Contact: [Kathy](#) 803 546 6010



Local host: Diocese of Charleston

**June 29- July 1,, 2007 -- Columbia / Harrisburg**

Contact: Joy Crimmins 717 993 5450

Local Host – Diocese of Harrisburg

**June 29 - July 1, 2007 -- Rock Island, Iowa**

Contact: Maria Shores 319 530 2597 (mobile)

**June 29 - July 1, 2007 -- Sacramento, California**

Contact: Edie Sickman 916 733 0161

**June 29 - July 1, 2007 -- Bloomington, Indiana**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Contact: Bernadette Roy 317 831-2892

Contact: Sr. Diane 317-236-1521

**June 29 - July 1, 2007 -- Jacksonville / St. Augustine, Florida**

Contact: Donna Augustine 904 221 3232

**July 6-8, 2007 -- Washington/ DC Metro Area - Maryland**

Note: Bilingual Spanish and English

Contact: Eugenia Hadley 301 237 6177

**July 6-8, 2007 -- Wausau (Northern Wisconsin)**

Contact: Mary Piper 715-209-6387

**July 13-15, 2007 -- Fresno, California**

Contact: Jennifer Butcher 877 629 6626

**July 20-22, 2007 -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey**

Contact: Stephanie Claudy 866 4 RACHEL

**July 20-22, 2007 -- Denver, Colorado**

Contact: Edith Gutierrez 303 410-1710

Contact: Diane Svoboda 303 359 3289

**July 20-22, 2007 -- Springfield, Massachusetts**

Contact: Mary Petisce or Claire Lapointe 413 452 0661

**July 20-22, 2007 -- Sonoma County, California**

Local host: After the Choice, Diocese of Oakland

Contact: Monika 510 267 8335

Note: Spanish Retreat

**July 20-22, 2007 -- Allentown, Pennsylvania**

Contact: Maryann Dunn M.S. 866 372 2435

**July 27-29, 2007 -- Dallas (English), Texas**

Contact: Caryn Stevens 214 544 2273

**July 27-29, 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)

**July 27-29, 2007 -- El Paso, Texas**

Contact: Maria Acosta 915 872 8405

Contact: Cynthia Wynn 806 793 1235

**August 3-5, 2007 -- Longbranch, Washington**

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800 822 HOPE

**August 10-12, 2007 -- Hays, Kansas**

Local host: Salina Diocese

Web: Salina Diocese

Contact: Donetta Robben 877 447 4383

**August 10-12, 2007 -- Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota**

Contact: Nancy Blom 952 882 2072

**August 10-12, 2007 -- Tampa, Florida**

Contact: Emma Boe 813 631 4370

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

**August 10-12, 2007 -- Saginaw, Michigan**

Contact: Sandy Buza 989 797 6652 or 800 453 2081 ext 652

**August 10-12, 2007 -- Belfast, Northern Ireland**

Note: Catholic Retreat

Contact: Marian 02890 799967

Contact: Bernadette 087 859 2877

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.ie

**August 17-19, 2007 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Contact: Maggie Walsh 800 800 8284 or 616 233-0081

**August 17-19, 2007 -- Birmingham / Cullman, Alabama**

Contact: Maria Kaczperski 205-919-3288

Contact: Maria Steele 256-347-1569

**August 24-26, 2007 -- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

Contact: Susan Lepak 405 709 2707

**August 24-26, 2007 - Sydney, Australia**

Contact: Julie Kelly 02 9440 7980

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