

# VINE AND BRANCHES

March 2008

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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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Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within the reach of every hand.  
Mother Teresa

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**Wounds of Love**

By Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW

I just had the wonderful blessing of serving as the team therapist on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. It was a very diverse group of attendees representing a number of ethnic groups, men, women, couples, a mother/daughter and a wonderful team of priests, facilitator and lay people called to serve.

This particular team did a great job when it came time for the Lazarus Living Scripture, which was especially powerful during the season of Lent as we anticipate the resurrection of Jesus. Participants were visibly moved as the priest called them out of their "cave" and into the light. They shared how meaningful it was to wrap their wounds in the burial cloths and embrace the freedom of resurrection.

It is always a profound privilege to witness the healing grace of God.

The twelve Apostles were the first to witness this as they shared an intimate relationship with Jesus during his public ministry. They traveled many miles together and witnessed the towering

strength and dignity of Jesus and his amazing power to heal. They were first hand eyewitnesses to his command over natural and supernatural forces.

They touched the truth incarnate.

And yet...when the time came for Jesus to suffer, they faced darkness and temptation. They abandoned the truth and ran away in the confusion and fear that flooded their hearts and minds. In the darkness of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, some gave into despair. Peter, the leader of the Apostles wept bitter tears of regret at his public denial of his master and the one he had boldly proclaimed as the Christ.

But what were the first words of Jesus to Peter and the apostles when he appeared to them in the upper room after his resurrection? Was it, "How could you do such a thing?" or "You cowards, you abandoned me!"

No. His first words were not of anger or rejection. They were words of peace and reconciliation. He said: "Peace be with you as he invited them to touch his wounds."

These words penetrated their shame and fear and touched their hearts with grace.

Jesus understands our weak human nature so well! He prayed that this trial of darkness would not crush his beloved disciples as they faced their fear and weakness. When they were forgiven and restored by Jesus, this experience opened their hearts to humility. More importantly, it gave them the gift of deeper trust in Him and a fuller understanding of their vocation as the first Christians in the Church.

Healing gives us the dignity and freedom to become who we really are -- the treasured sons and daughters of a loving God who were created to reflect his love in the world. Those who have experienced the healing grace of Christ become witnesses to this truth.

This Holy time of year is very special to those of us called to minister in His Vineyard. We are acutely aware of how much Jesus IS the heart of Rachel's Vineyard. To paraphrase the Breastplate of St. Patrick, "Christ is with us, before us, behind us, within us". The retreat weekends are filled with His presence, in Spirit, Word and Sacrament. I pray that this Easter we all draw closer to the Heart of our ministry which is Christ.

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There is no faith in Jesus without understanding that on the cross we see into the heart of God and find it filled with mercy for the sinner whoever he or she may be.

Robert G. Trache

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**A Message from the Pastoral Director**

"O Happy Fault, O necessary sin of Adam, that gained for us so great a Redeemer!"  
These strange words are from the "Exultet," the Easter hymn of praise that is sung at the Easter Vigil all over the world.

They do not, of course, mean to say that any sin is good or necessary. Rather, they are words that express the exultation of joy, wonder, and gratitude when the believer sees the marvelous work of redemption achieved by the Lord Jesus in his death and resurrection. It puts sin in perspective and overwhelms the horror of sin itself.

Is this not our work in Rachel's Vineyard? We are not afraid to help people face, see, and name the evil that has entrapped them. But all the more, they face, and see, and name the Redeemer, Risen from the dead, triumphant over abortion and every evil.

Easter is not only a triumphant day, it is a glorious season of 50 days. This Easter, let's renew our commitment to healing the wounds of abortion and proclaiming how great a Redeemer we have!

Fr. Frank Pavone  
National Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard

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Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.

Leo Buscaglia

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**Help Support Our Work**

Your gifts of time, talent and treasure have helped make Rachel's Vineyard the largest post-abortion healing program in the world. By giving financially, you become partners in the restoration of lives through the gift of healing. Your generosity enables us to meet the increasing demands and growth of Rachel's Vineyard.

Please consider giving a gift that will provide healing and hope to others in need by making a tax-deductible contribution to Rachel's Vineyard.

Choose how to make your donation:

Online <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>

By phone 610-354-0555

By mail Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, 808 N Henderson Rd Ste 210, King of Prussia PA 19406

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**Esther's Coffee Easter Special**

Esther's Coffee is a Christian business that supports Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. Visit [www.esthers.us](http://www.esthers.us) to order the Easter special. In addition, for every bag of coffee that you purchase, you will get one ticket entered in the raffle for a special Menyelek roast.

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To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own.

Abraham Lincoln

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**Please Join Us in Prayer**

Please join us in prayer for **Sylvia Jenson**, a long-time member of the Rachel's Vineyard site in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Sylvia has recently been diagnosed with ALS. Despite this devastating diagnosis, Sylvia remains an inspiration to all who know and love her. Anyone who wishes to write to Sylvia can send mail to:

Sylvia Jensen  
932 Reserve Ave.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Please pray for **Susan Lepak** who is currently on medical leave for some heart problems. She is scheduled for surgery on April 3. Please remember her in prayer. Susan has been running Rachel's Vineyard for nearly a decade for the Diocese of Oklahoma City.

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Inside the heart of each and every one of us there is a longing to be understood by someone who really cares. When a person is understood, he or she can put up with almost anything in the world.

Rev Ed Hird

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## Newsy Notes - Comings & Goings

The Diocese of Joliet, Illinois welcomes a new Life Office Director, **Father Tom Milota**. Fr. Tom is taking over the leadership reigns of **Fran Fortier**, who recently retired. Fran has provided over 30 years of service to the Life Office, which included the coordination of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. On February 11th, Bishop J. Peter Sartain of the Joliet Diocese presented her with the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal (For the Church and the Pontiff) given by Pope Benedict XVI. This medal is the highest laity award bestowed by the Pope on persons recognized for distinguished service to the Church. (This medal was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1888 as an honor of distinction.) Congratulations Fran!

Welcome new site leader **Colleen Knutsen** who will be taking over leadership for the Rachel's Vineyard team in Oakland, California. Colleen replaces highly esteemed **Monika Rodman**, who fell in love with an Italian and married him last summer! Monika and Domenico are now happily residing in Taranto, Italy where they are planning to begin the first Rachel's Vineyard retreats in the beautiful Italian language.

Welcome to **Ann Marie Gasser** who will be heading up a new Interdenominational Retreat team in Lexington, Kentucky.

Welcome to **Jean Aggerbeck** who will be leading a new Rachel's Vineyard team in Tucson, Arizona.

Special thanks to **Eugenia Hadley** for facilitating the first Rachel's Vineyard retreat in **Ecuador, South America!!!!** We warmly welcome **Priscilla DeBarahona** and **Zulay Arevalo** who will be serving as the new Rachel's Vineyard site leaders in Ecuador.

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Out of his solitude, Jesus reached out his caring hand to the people in need. In the lonely place his care grew strong and mature. And from there he entered into a healing closeness with his fellow human beings. To care means first of all to be present to each other. From experience, you know that those who care for you become present to you. When they listen, they listen to you. When they speak, you know they speak to you. And when they ask questions, you know it is for your sake and not for their own. Their presence is a healing presence because they accept you on your terms, and they encourage you to take your own life seriously and to trust your own vocation.

Henri Nouwen

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### **The Supreme Court is listening!**

Although the Court has acknowledged the pain and sorrow caused by abortion, it needs more data to measure the extent of the problem. The Justice Foundation, through its Operation Outcry project, has been collecting the largest known body of direct, sworn testimony in the world that show the harmful effects of abortion. You can add your testimony in a declaration to save others from being hurt by abortion. This form of witnessing is confidential, private, simple, long lasting, and effective. Go to [www.operationoutcry.org](http://www.operationoutcry.org) and click on "Speak Up" for a declaration form and instructions.

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### **Reflections from a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

I'm very thankful to have had the opportunity to participate in a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. I've received more healing and wholeness through this retreat than I ever thought possible - and again, as is often the case it seems, I didn't recognize my need for more healing. I reluctantly went on the retreat knowing that God wanted me to go but not really knowing *why* he wanted me to go. I'm not certain as to why I was so reluctant. I can only surmise that the enemy of my soul did not want me to receive more of an abundance of God's love & healing power.

It's so hard to put into words all that happened on that short weekend. God, through the Holy Spirit, really spoke into my life - it revolved around believing in Him. He used all aspects of the retreat - the symbols we used in doing healing exercises, the Scripture meditations we entered, the people who shared so openly and honestly, the affirming words of wisdom and guidance from the leaders... The whole weekend was filled with warmth and love. Something else that made the weekend so successful was the non-threatening, non-judgmental and therefore safe atmosphere. I believe that's how the Holy Spirit moved so deeply amongst us all. We were able to really trust one another and lay ourselves bare. Through this we were able to receive the healing we all needed.

I, personally, received healing in the area of my sexuality. God imparted some more healing in my heart from the loss of my two children to abortion but He really had me honing in on the wounds I had received as a result of sexual abuse. A lot of the abuse was self-inflicted when I was a teenager. I was one who was "looking for love in all the wrong places." I not only hurt myself through sexual promiscuity but I hurt others. I believed that all of that was in my past and that it was no longer relevant. Well, that was partially true but God has shown me that there is healing from those types of wounds and that He not only came to lead us to forgiveness but He came to heal us and make us whole.

God is definitely working through Rachel's Vineyard to lead people to healing and wholeness. He didn't just come to give us life but life in its fullness! I will be eternally grateful for participating on this retreat. Thank you again!

*This testimony was written by a participant who attended a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Ottawa Canada*

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Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.  
St. Augustine  
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**Book of the Month**  
**Words at the Wedding: Reflections on Making and Keeping the Promise**  
By William J. Byron, SJ

*Words at the Wedding* grows out of Father Byron's experience as a priest and pastor for many years of working with young men and women in preparation for marriage, as well as many years of working with older couples in retreats for married persons. The short, thought-provoking chapters are designed to be read and reflected upon by both married couples and those on their way to Christian marriage. Clergy will discover in these pages abundant material for wedding homilies, in addition to a wide range of topics for inclusion in marriage preparation programs.  
[www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com)

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**Upcoming Clinical Trainings and Speaking Engagements**

**April 1, 2008                      Richland, Washington**  
Clinical training sponsored by  
the Rachel's Vineyard team of the Yakima Diocese Respect Life Office  
Christ the King Church 8:30am-5:30pm  
Contact: Nancy Murray [projectrachel@gmail.com](mailto:projectrachel@gmail.com) 509-554-9415  
Continuing Education Credits Available

**April 2-4, 2008 Portland, Oregon**  
Conference sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Portland Archdiocese  
Wednesday Evening: Informational presentations  
Thursday: Clinical Training  
Thursday Evening: Men & Couples presentations  
Friday: Rachel's Vineyard Regional Training  
Contact: Lori Eckstine [e2lori@aol.com](mailto:e2lori@aol.com) 800-249-8074

**April 5, 2008 Eugene, Oregon**  
Oregon Right to Life Conference  
Valley River Inn  
Contact: Gayle Atteberry [gayleatt@ortl.org](mailto:gayleatt@ortl.org) 503-463-8563

**April 17, 2008 Fairfax, Virginia**  
George Mason University Campus Ministry Thursday Night Supper  
Catholic Student Center, 4515 Roberts Rd  
Theresa will speak at 6:15pm  
Contact: Catherine Horan [choran1@gmu.edu](mailto:choran1@gmu.edu) 703-425-0022

**April 23, 2008 Duluth, Georgia**  
Post-Abortion Talk for Men  
Kevin will present at the Catholic Church of St Monica 7-9pm

**May 9, 2008 Richmond, Virginia**  
Clinical training sponsored by Richmond Diocese and Catholic Charities  
Diocesan Pastoral Center, 7800 Carousel Lane  
Contact: Betsy Murdock [bmurdock@cceva.org](mailto:bmurdock@cceva.org) 757-467-7707 x309

**June 8-9, 2008 Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
Catholic Social Workers National Association Inaugural Conference  
Kevin will speak on Men and Abortion. Go to the website of CSWNA [www.cswana.org](http://www.cswana.org) for details  
about this new association and a pdf file of the conference brochure  
<http://cswana.org/documents/FinalBrochureConf.pdf>

**July 22-25, 2008 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**  
Rachel's Vineyard Canadian Leadership Conference  
Contact: Janet Kormish [jkormish@telus.net](mailto:jkormish@telus.net)

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**Save the Date for the 2009 Leadership Conference**  
The next Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference will be held July 7-10, 2009 in Pennsylvania

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**Other Conferences of Interest**

**Catholic Social Workers National Association Inaugural Conference**

*Catholic Social Work: Living the Mission* is the title of the conference that is taking place June 8-9, 2008 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW is speaking on Men and Abortion. Go to the website of CSWNA [www.cswana.org](http://www.cswana.org) for details about this new association and a pdf file of the conference brochure <http://cswana.org/documents/FinalBrochureConf.pdf>

**Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference with Neal Lozano**

Have you ever felt stuck, bound up, unable to move forward and experience the love and freedom you see other Christians experience? You may ask yourself, how can I be free? This seminar will present a sound practical road map to greater freedom from the influence of evil. May 15-17 at St. Eleanor's Church in Collegeville, PA  
Download Registration Form from [www.heartofthefather.com](http://www.heartofthefather.com) or call Jenn at 610-952-3019.  
There are training opportunities for leaders in ministry in association with the May conference.

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## **Training in Hope Alive Group Counseling**

Hope Alive is an in-depth group-counseling program designed to facilitate healing for those deeply affected by childhood traumas and pregnancy losses of all kinds, particularly abortion. Mount Joy College in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada is offering a Level I training course from April 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (changed dates). This is intensive and experiential training based on Christian and scientific principals for people who desire to become counselors in this area. For more information visit [www.mtjoycollege.com](http://www.mtjoycollege.com) or e-mail [mtjoycollege@telus.net](mailto:mtjoycollege@telus.net)

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### **Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: March-May 2008**

**March 14 - March 16, 2008** -- Baltimore, Maryland  
Contact: Denise Douglas 410-354-6900 [projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org)  
Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 800-286-4224

**March 14 - March 16, 2008** -- Columbia/Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
Contact: Joy Crimmins 717-993-5450 [crimmins@nfdc.net](mailto:crimmins@nfdc.net)  
Note: Monthly Support Group  
Contact: Ann 717-854-8542

**March 14 - March 16, 2008** -- Dallas (Español), Texas  
Contact: Aurora 972-679-4760 [atinajero@prolifedallas.org](mailto:atinajero@prolifedallas.org)  
Website: [www.racheldallas.org](http://www.racheldallas.org)  
Note: Español

**March 14 - March 16, 2008** -- Valley City, North Dakota  
Contact: Sherry 701-520-1229 [lifecaretrf@wiktel.com](mailto:lifecaretrf@wiktel.com)

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Auburn (Español), Washington  
Contact: Noemi 206-450-7814  
Note: Español

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Casper, Wyoming  
Contact: Sharon Cundall 877-237-0662 [ranchmom5@gmail.com](mailto:ranchmom5@gmail.com)

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey  
Contact: Stephanie Claudy 866-4-RACHEL [sclaudy@camdendiocese.org](mailto:sclaudy@camdendiocese.org)

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Indianapolis, Indiana  
Local Host: Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Office for Pro-Life Ministry  
Contact: Bernadette Roy 317-831-2892  
Contact: Sr. Diane 317-236-1521 [dcarollo@archindy.org](mailto:dcarollo@archindy.org)  
Contact: Toll-free 800-382-9836 x1521

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Melbourne, Victoria Australia  
Contact: Anne Neville 61-3-9870 7044 [anne@opendoors.com.au](mailto:anne@opendoors.com.au)  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Minneapolis/St. Paul (Interdenominational), Minnesota  
Contact: Debbi Stocco 952-928-1697 [rvineyard@nationalrd.com](mailto:rvineyard@nationalrd.com)  
Contact: Debbi Stocco 651-206-8926  
Website: [www.nationalrd.com/registration](http://www.nationalrd.com/registration)  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**March 28 - March 30, 2008** -- Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona  
Contact: Magdalin 602-358-8709 [m.leonardo@yahoo.com](mailto:m.leonardo@yahoo.com)

**April 4 - April 6, 2008** -- Cedar Falls, Iowa

Contact: Maria Shores 563-322-1645 [hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org)

**April 4 - April 6, 2008** -- Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Contact: Lisa 928-713-9504 [leexavc@cableone.net](mailto:leexavc@cableone.net)

Retreat Location: Nautical Resort & Conference Center

**April 4 - April 6, 2008** -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Mary Lee 918-585-8167 [mlingram@catholiccharitiestulsa.org](mailto:mlingram@catholiccharitiestulsa.org)

**April 11 - April 13, 2008** -- Arlington, Virginia

Contact: Myriam 703-729-7998 [projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org)

Note: English and Español Retreats on 10/31/08

**April 11 - April 13, 2008** -- Fairfield County, Connecticut

Local Host: Diocese of Bridgeport

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Website: [www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com](http://www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com)

**April 11 - April 13, 2008** -- Madison, Wisconsin

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

Contact: Mary Mead 608-221-9593 [meadmt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:meadmt@sbcglobal.net)

Contact: Emily Way 608-821-3086

**April 11 - April 13, 2008** -- Richmond (Interdenominational), Virginia

Contact: Gordon and Deborah Frantzich 540-775-5147 [frantzich@msn.com](mailto:frantzich@msn.com)

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**April 11 - April 13, 2008** -- Sacramento, California

Contact: Debbie Anderson 916-733-0161 [projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org)

Note: 9/26-28/08 Español

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Asheville, North Carolina

Contact: Shelley Glanton 828-670-8192 [sglan1234@aol.com](mailto:sglan1234@aol.com)

Contact: Shelley Glanton 828-230-4940

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- El Paso, Texas

Contact: Maria Acosta 915-872-8405 [macosta@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:macosta@elpasodiocese.org)

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Janesville, Wisconsin

Local Host: Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville

Contact: Cheryl Ryan 608-755-9739 [rancher868@charter.net](mailto:rancher868@charter.net)

Contact: Pregnancy Helpline 608-755-9739 [cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net](mailto:cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net)

Website: [www.pregnancy-helpline.net](http://www.pregnancy-helpline.net)

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Portland, Maine

Contact: Sandra Thompson 207-879-1130 x770 [familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org)

Contact: Annette 207-879-1130 x771

Contact: Toll-free in Maine only 800-CARE-002

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Rapid City, South Dakota

Local Host: Family Life Ministries

Contact: Carol Kling 605-374-5639 [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com)

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

**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Rock Hill, South Carolina

Contact: Rachel 336-624-5149 [rachelnetwork@sprynet.com](mailto:rachelnetwork@sprynet.com)

Contact: Kathy 803-546-6010 [postabortionhealing@gmail.com](mailto:postabortionhealing@gmail.com)



**April 18 - April 20, 2008** -- Wheeling, West Virginia  
Contact: Jackie Hamilton 304-230-2229 x104 [rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net](mailto:rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net)

**April 25 - April 27, 2008** -- Forth Worth, Texas  
Contact: Betsy Kopor 817-923-4757 [forgiven@racheltx.org](mailto:forgiven@racheltx.org)  
Website: [www.racheltx.org](http://www.racheltx.org)  
Note: April 25-27, 2008 – Interdenominational  
15-week support group: TBA  
Contact: Betsy Kopor 817-923-4757

**April 25 - April 27, 2008** -- Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, Ohio  
Contact: Peggy Feirstine 513-588-0080 [pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com](mailto:pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com)

**April 25 - April 27, 2008** -- Nashville, Tennessee  
Contact: Phil Trevathan 615-790-8541 [info@hopeafterabortiontn.com](mailto:info@hopeafterabortiontn.com)  
Contact: Colleen 270-598-0443 [info@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:info@hopeafterabortionky.com)  
Contact: Debbie 270-683-6933 [rv.bgky@yahoo.com](mailto:rv.bgky@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.hopeafterabortiontn.com](http://www.hopeafterabortiontn.com)

**April 25 - April 27, 2008** -- Steubenville, Ohio  
Contact: Sharon Maedke 740-283-3636 [aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net)

**April 25 - April 27, 2008** -- Wilmington, North Carolina  
Local Host: H.O.P.E. Healing of Painful Emotions  
Contact: Judy or Kathy 910-799-0270 [jhahaj@lifelinewilmington.org](mailto:jhahaj@lifelinewilmington.org)  
Note: Interdenominational

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Great Falls/Helena, Montana  
Local Host: CSSM - Rachel's Hope  
Contact: Susan Gliko 888-456-4673 [susanmtrv@msn.com](mailto:susanmtrv@msn.com)  
Website: [www.catholic-social-services-of-montana.org](http://www.catholic-social-services-of-montana.org)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Kelowna, British Columbia Canada  
Contact: Janet Kormish 250-762-2273 [pr\\_nelsondiocese@hotmail.com](mailto:pr_nelsondiocese@hotmail.com)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Knoxville, Tennessee  
Contact: Catherine McHugh 865-694-4971 [peace4lilith@aol.com](mailto:peace4lilith@aol.com)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota  
Contact: Nancy Blom 952-882-2072 [marypio37@usfamily.net](mailto:marypio37@usfamily.net)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Paterson/Morris County, New Jersey  
Local Host: Paterson Diocese  
Contact: Marie Ryan 973-777-8818 x264 [rachel@patersondiocese.org](mailto:rachel@patersondiocese.org)  
Retreat Location: Morris County

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Perth (Interdenom), Western Australia, Australia  
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Website: [www.projectrachel.org.au](http://www.projectrachel.org.au)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Portland, Oregon  
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**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- San Jose, California  
Contact: Mary Peter 408-426-7343 [mpeter@mht-church.org](mailto:mpeter@mht-church.org)

**May 2 - May 4, 2008** -- Santa Rosa/St. Helena, California  
Contact: Valerie Johnson Fish 707-967-1101 [rachelsvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyard@gmail.com)

**May 7 - May 9, 2008** -- Malta

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**May 9 - May 11, 2008** -- Launceston, Tasmania Australia

Contact: Anne Sherston 03-62298739 [projectrachel@smartchat.net.au](mailto:projectrachel@smartchat.net.au)

**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Brisbane, Queensland Australia

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**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Los Angeles (Español), California

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Retreat Location: Claretian Renewal Center

Note: Español

**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Philadelphia Area, Pennsylvania

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**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Providence, Rhode Island

Local Host: Life & Family Ministry, Diocese of Providence

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

**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Note: Puerto Rico - Mirna - Vinedo de Raquel

**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Sydney, New South Wales Australia

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**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Temecula, California

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**May 16 - May 19, 2008** -- Temecula (Español), California

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Note: Español

**May 16 - May 18, 2008** -- Vancouver, Washington

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**May 23 - May 25, 2008** -- Vancouver, British Columbia Canada

Local Host: Post Abortion Community Services, Office of Life & Family

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Note: Interdenominational

**May 23 - May 25, 2008** -- Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada

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Note: Interdenominational

**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Baltimore, Maryland

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**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Cork City, Ireland  
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**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Dallas, Texas  
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**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Long Island/Uniondale (Español), New York  
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Note: Español

**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Pointe-aux-Outardes, Quebec Canada  
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Note: Reunion Meeting: December 16, 2007

**May 30 - June 1, 2008** -- Stanwood, Washington  
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