

# Vine & Branches

*The Monthly e-newsletter of  
Rachel's Vineyard Ministries*

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

*Rachel's Vineyard is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We work with Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.*

*Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is available on the web at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) and through our 24/7 HOPE-4-ME.*

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## Germany's First Retreat

By Anne Arthur

Germany held its first Rachel's "Weinberg" Retreat on the weekend of July 9th. Having Monika Rodman Montanaro with me to lead the retreat was a blessing that is so invaluable; I have no words to describe it. The future team members were just too surprised as to how they experienced their past life, their pain, their grief as well as their new life and the grace found on Sunday afternoon. I was elated to see that my decision to ask Monika to come to Germany bore the fruit I had hoped for. Furthermore, I just knew that I would have been unable to handle everything alone. With Monika by my side we could witness the Lord making the new team really ready to work in the Vineyard.

Apart from the new Hildesheim team, we had a woman from Danzig in Poland, and a woman from India with us. With Monika from Italy, and myself from the Caribbean, it was truly a "united nations" retreat. The lady from Poland received great healing and is adamant in talking about it there; hoping to get other people interested to learn about Rachel's Vineyard. She said that she cannot manage a retreat herself, but will seek to find those who would be able to work with her. With God's help we will certainly see what He wants to be done in Poland.

We had two priests attending. Both were a tremendous blessing. Both priests, with their very different personality and spirituality, participated in all the exercises on a very personal level, and the retreatants were extremely blessed by witnessing it.

As for the retreat house, it was heaven on earth. It was a 350 year old farm mansion, which was converted into a religious retreat house. It is in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by nature, greenery, fields and cattle. The participants felt taken out of the world and set into another dimension. That alone brought healing. The positive comments from our retreatants about choosing this site were unanimous.

All that has happened during the retreat, each and everyone who was there, and even those who could not be there, made this first German Rachel's Vineyard retreat culminate into a tremendous healing experience for the future team members. What a gift Rachel's Vineyard is to humanity! The internationality of our retreat made it even more evident! To God be all glory and praise. His healing love is so wonderful, so tender and caring. We, who have the privilege to work in His vineyard, are being so blessed to see him at work. The joy and peace that emanates from the Sunday smiles of the participants fills my heart and my being.



## Journey From the Black Hole

*The following is a testimony shared with permission from a retreat participant:*

### Rachel's Vineyard Weekend of Healing

For 27 years I suffered in silence and it was only getting worse. I was becoming more emotional and the pain was more at the surface. It was time to heal the pain. We heard of a Project Rachel fund raising concert and decided to see what it was all about. The songs and the people involved were so compassionate and showed such warmth that it started a seed in me to question more. For 3 years we went to the concerts and my husband urged me to phone the counselor and get some information. After taking that first huge step, we signed up for a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat.

From the time of the abortion 27 years earlier, we had never discussed it with another soul. We were married, had a 15 month old child, and for medical reasons the doctors thought it was best to abort this pregnancy. We were never given any means of healing nor recognition that we had a child/abortion, no sense of closure. All these years I have suffered in silence with the pain in my heart for a lost child, the sense of shame and of being a bad mother.

Arriving at the retreat was very stressful. We were meeting people for the first time in a strange environment and going to tell our story for the first time. How would people feel about us after they knew our deep, dark secret? We were welcomed with such warmth and enthusiasm. The aura that surrounded everyone was only positive and welcoming. The first evening was the hardest, meeting the other participants, being instructed as to what was to take place, and the value of participation was a little uneasy. But as they said: If you do the work and participate with an open mind and heart, the process will be more than worth the effort. From then on I decided I had to give this my full effort and be open. It was all up to me.

The two days that followed were unbelievable to us-exhausting-with many highs and lows. My husband came to the retreat as a support for me, hoping I would find some comfort and healing. He participated fully and found as much, if not more healing and uplifting than I did. The exercises, the tools, the staff (in all areas) were so warm, compassionate and caring that you could only come out with a positive feeling. The tears were shed, the stories were shared, (other people suffering for the same reason) hugs were freely given and support was at every turn. Some of the stages were harder than others to work through; some had no significant affect on me at the time; others were so overwhelming I could not believe what I was experiencing. The ultimate for me was Sunday at the Memorial Service. I finally could put my child to rest, and at the same time allow my heart some rest from the pain. God had forgiven me, and I found a new peace in my heart. My child now has a name, and is part of our family. We have told our two adult children what had happened all those years ago, and of our experience with the retreat weekend. The warmth, love and healing is unbelievable.

For us it was an experience like no other, and someday I hope that we will be able to help others find some healing. The Rachel's Vineyard retreat is a very life altering experience, and is open to all who will be strong enough to seek the love and support you deserve.



## An Autumn Appeal

As the leaves begin to change this year, consider helping to change someone's life in the direction of hope. You can help others experience this change through a donation to Rachel's Vineyard.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a non-profit organization. We are able to minister to those affected by abortion through your contributions and prayers.

Here's how to make a donation:

Online: [www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate)

By Phone: 610-354-0555

By Mail: P.O. Box 140130 Staten Island, NY 10314



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

~Martin Luther King Jr.



## A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Friends,

It was a simple but moving task recently to tape, along with Theresa, Kevin, and a few others, the video that is shared with participants in Rachel's Vineyard retreats on the first night. As I spoke into the camera, I knew that on very few occasions would a single message reach more people at such a critical moment of their lives – a fork in the road between hope and despair, between the courage to heal and the temptation to let the darkness continue to consume them.

I told the retreatants that I am praying for them each day, and that at every pro-life event I lead anywhere in the world, I always have the people pray for all those who have ever lost a child to abortion. I told them that the Church's mission is about reconciliation, not rejection, and about peace, not punishment. I told them that four words summarize that mission, and they are the words Jesus speaks to us all: "I am with you."

With greater vigor than ever, let's work for the growth of Rachel's Vineyard, as this ministry continues to make those words real for so many!

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Pavone

Pastoral Director and Chairman, Rachel's Vineyard

National Director, Priests for Life

Follow me at [twitter.com/frfrankpavone](https://twitter.com/frfrankpavone)



## Second Freedom Rides Date Announced

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the team of Priests for Life believe it is time for a "Pro-life Freedom Ride," a peaceful, visible expression of the commitment of people around the country to work for freedom for the unborn. The rides will choose cities with strategic significance for the movement. While pro-life activists ride the buses, all pro-life people nationwide will be invited to participate simultaneously in concrete activities that will call for freedom on various levels: freedom from the lies that permit abortion, freedom from the despair that leads to and follows abortion, freedom from the fear that keeps people from fighting abortion, freedom from the political oppression that robs the unborn of their rights before the law.

Where: Knoxville, TN to Chattanooga, TN

When: Friday, October 15- Saturday, October 16

For More Information on the Pro-Life Freedom Rides Campaign visit:

[www.Prolifefreedomrides.com](http://www.Prolifefreedomrides.com)



## Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference 2011-Save the Dates

The next Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference will take place July 18th-21st, 2011. Mark your calendars now and save the dates for an educational and inspirational gathering that you won't want to miss!



"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul."

~St. Augustine



## The Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy

Several Rachel's Vineyard site leaders and team members from Kentucky and Tennessee (led by Fr. Ben Cameron of the Fathers of Mercy) have recently formed a spiritual "confraternity" (a spiritual union of persons brought together for the purpose of mutual support for a common end). This Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy is specifically for women and men who are post-abortive, but is also open to pro-life Catholics (and other Christians) who would like to join in spiritual solidarity with those who are post-abortive.

The purpose of this Confraternity is to help us to take the next step after we have received healing from the Lord Jesus (but we don't have to feel completely healed to begin this next step): we are called to holiness of life -- to be Saints! In the history of the Church, whenever there have been times of crisis and moral degradation, God has always raised up saints, "men and women, outstanding in holiness" (quote from one of the prayers of the Mass), to bring the Church and the world back to God. In today's time of moral and spiritual crisis, in the midst of our "culture of death," who better for God to call to holiness than women and men who are post-abortive? We might think that we have been too hurt, too wounded, to become holy -- but do we really think that it is beyond God's power and mercy? The Lord Jesus has shown His Love, Mercy and Healing power in our lives -- so let us embark on this quest to be Saints, to be totally His! For those who are interested in learning more, please visit the Confraternity's new website, where you can learn about our plan of life for growing in holiness, who can join the Confraternity, and how to join: [www.OLMercy.org](http://www.OLMercy.org) .



## Mother Teresa Novena

This September 5 marks the anniversary of the death of Mother Teresa. Now declared "Blessed," she continues to inspire disciples of Christ worldwide. Please join us in praying a special novena in memory of her inspiring life. [Click here](#) for the novena. You are also invited to share here how Mother Teresa has touched your life personally.



## Grief to Grace-Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse will be held in a number of different locations this year. If you or someone you love is suffering because of past abuse visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org) . This new program was composed by Theresa and Kevin Burke, the founders of Rachel's Vineyard, to provide a psychological and spiritual healing journey for anyone impacted by sexual, physical, emotional abuse or neglect.

**Kingston**, Jamaica (Full)

September 2010

**Kelowna**, British Columbia

November 18-21, 2010

[G2GKelowna@shaw.ca](mailto:G2GKelowna@shaw.ca)

**Aston**, Pennsylvania

March 21-25, 2011

[info@griegtograce.org](mailto:info@griegtograce.org)



## Rachel's Vineyard Facebook/YouTube

Rachel's Vineyard has a Facebook! Please visit our Facebook at [www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard](http://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard) . We also have a YouTube page. You can view Rachel's Vineyard videos by [clicking here](#).



## New Educational Series

An Educational Series on the Psychological and Spiritual Impact of Abortion is now available through Rachel's Vineyard. The series is called Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief.

The set includes a collection of professionally produced DVD's of many of our presentations that we use in our clinical and pastoral trainings including "Traumatic Reenactment," "PTSD," and "The Genesis of Abortion." A Course Guide has been developed to use with the DVD set that provides an outline of each talk to help facilitate discussion as well as a course syllabus and sample exams. It also includes suggested reading and discussion questions for each lesson. This set was made possible by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.

Suggested Donation: \$60.00

[Click here](#) to order or for more information.

Here is some recent praise for the DVD from Lynda Munroe of the Ottawa, Canada site:

*"I've been meaning to pass on how our team has appreciated the Dvd's. We have viewed & discussed some as a team, & our prayer team has viewed the one giving an overview of the actual retreat which was excellent for those who had not participated in one. Also, our pastor viewed the Fr Pavone clergy ones. We intend to view a couple more with our team before our next retreat end of November. I highly recommend them."*

## Leadership Talks Still Available on CD

All of the talks from the Rachel's Vineyard Leadership conference in Malvern, PA were recorded live by Vincent & Barbara Sumoski (Love Tape/CD Ministry) and are available on CD for purchase. There were 45 excellent talks which may be purchased individually or as an entire set. Each CD is a conference special price of only \$7.00 and includes FREE shipping and handling. Other conference special incentives are available on the order form. Order forms may be obtained upon request at [rvcds@sumoski.com](mailto:rvcds@sumoski.com), 601-779-8989.

## Rachel's Vineyard T-Shirts

Christianshirts.com now offers Rachel's Vineyard T-shirts! 10% of profits go to Rachel's Vineyard. Two different designs are offered. [Click here](#) to view one design and [click here](#) to view the second.

## Rachel's Bumper Stickers

Don't forget to check out our new Rachel's Vineyard bumper stickers! Our bumper stickers are a great way to spread the word about healing! To order our bumper stickers please [click here](#).



"If anyone comes to me, I want to lead them to Him."  
~St. Edith Stein



## United in Prayer

*We pray for the following intentions:*

For **Jean-Marc and Diane Richard** of the Pointe-aux-Outardes, Canada site as they continue to struggle with cancer. May the healing love of our Lord give them great peace. We also pray for their efforts as they translate the Grief to Grace manual into the French language.

For the repose of the soul of **Wally Weitzel**, prayer benefactor for the **Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN** Catholic site. We pray that his friends and family may find comfort in this time of loss.

For the repose of the soul of **Sr. Martin Mergen**, site leader of the **Sioux Falls, SD** Rachel's Vineyard site. May she be welcomed lovingly into the arms of our Lord and may her family and team feel the warmth of God's love during this time.

For baby **Brendon Ignatius**, son of a Rachel's Vineyard retreat team member who has Down's Syndrome and was just diagnosed with leukemia. May God heal Brendon and strengthen his family and reveal His love during this time of suffering.

*We pray in thanksgiving:*

For **Kevin and Theresa Burke**, founders of **Rachel's Vineyard Ministries** as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage as they continue to be a beautiful example to all married couples.

For **Caryn Stevens** of the **Dallas, TX** site and her years of love and service in the vineyard as she steps down from a leadership position. We are thankful that Caryn will

continue to work as a volunteer for Rachel's Vineyard and ask God to bless her endeavors in life.

For **Fonda Lash** who will be stepping up to fill Caryn's shoes at the Dallas, TX site. May God continue to bless their team and may Fonda be filled with love and strength as she moves forward in this leadership position.

For our new site in **Wellington, New Zealand**, and our new site leaders in **Katy, TX** and **Fort Hood/Killeen, TX**. Please keep these site leaders and teams in your prayers as they begin and continue Rachel's Vineyard retreats in these locations.



## Check it Out

### The Justice Foundation/Center Against Forced Abortions

The Justice Foundation and The Center Against Forced Abortions has released a response to the growing number of teenage girls being coerced into abortion by their parents. There is a letter to parents as well as a letter to the abortionist that a young woman can give/fax which involves legal repercussions to continuing an abortion against her will. You can find the documents and more by [clicking here](#).

### Overus Supports Rachel's Vineyard

Overus is a certification mark—similar to kosher, fair trade, or organic—but it identifies brands that respect Christian values. The goal is to enable you to practice good stewardship when shopping: you can just look for our logo. Overus supports Rachel's Vineyard with a portion of its proceeds. Rachel's Vineyard encourages you to take a look at how your purchases can support Christian values.

For a list of certified brands, please see their Shopping Guide: [Click here](#).



"Nothing is far from God."

~St. Monica



## Upcoming Events/Trainings

### **Rome, Italy (CLOSED EVENT)**

**Thursday, September 02, 2010 -- Friday, September 03, 2010**

### **Pontifical Academy for Life Study Group**

Theresa Burke, PhD, has been invited to be a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life's Study Group on Post-Abortion Syndrome: Ethical, Scientific and Pastoral Implications.

### **Queenstown, New Zealand**

**Friday, September 10, 2010 -- Sunday, September 12, 2010**

### **Voice for Life Conference**

Speaker: Theresa Burke, PhD

Contact: Paula Middleton (registration)

[info@voiceforlife.org.nz](mailto:info@voiceforlife.org.nz)

[www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)

**Sydney, Australia**  
**Monday, September 13, 2010**  
**Workshop-Making a Community of Healing**  
RV Team Members only  
Speaker: Theresa Burke, Ph.D  
Contact: Fr. Peter Maher  
[petermaher@hotmail.com](mailto:petermaher@hotmail.com)

**Brisbane, Australia**  
**Wednesday, September 15, 2010**  
**Counseling Techniques for Post-Abortive Men & Women**  
Speaker: Theresa Burke, Ph.D  
Contact: Gwen Winterscheidt  
[gwen.winterscheidt@gmail.com](mailto:gwen.winterscheidt@gmail.com)

**Wilmington, Delaware**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2010**  
**40 Days for Life**  
Speakers: Kelly Smith and Amanda Miner  
Location: Church of the Holy Child  
2500 Naaman's Rd. Wilmington DE 19810  
Time: 11:30am - 12pm

**Baltimore, Maryland**  
**Friday, September 24, 2010**  
**Clinical Training**  
Speakers: Kevin and Theresa Burke  
Contact Info: Denise Douglas  
410-354-6900  
[projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org)  
CEU Credits Available

**York, Pennsylvania**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2010**  
**Pregnancy and Family Resource Center Banquet**  
Speaker: Theresa Burke, PhD  
Contact info: Pregnancy and Family Resource Center in York PA  
717-854-6285

**Youngstown, New York**  
**Saturday, October 23, 2010**  
**Summit Life Outreach Center Banquet**  
Speaker(s): Kevin Burke, LSW  
Theresa Burke, Ph.D  
Contact info: Liz Bignell  
716-754-0725

**Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia**  
**November 1, 2010**  
**Marymount Dollar Dinner**  
Speaker: Theresa Burke, Ph.D  
Contact: Andrew Waring  
[Andrew.Waring@marymount.edu](mailto:Andrew.Waring@marymount.edu)

**Providence, Rhode Island**  
**November 6, 2010**  
**Regional Training**  
Speaker(s): Kevin Burke, LSW  
Theresa Burke, Ph.D  
Contact: Carol Owens  
[rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org)

## Other Conferences/Events of Interest

### Inaugural Retreat for the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy

Passionist Monastery and Retreat Center, Whitesville, KY  
Sept. 17-19, 2010

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy is a new organization that is a spiritual union for Catholic women and men who are post-abortive and have turned to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and healing. It is an excellent way to follow-up spiritually on what we have received through Rachel's Vineyard retreats.

This retreat and membership in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy is also open to men and women who, though not personally post-abortive, desire to join themselves in spiritual solidarity with those who are post-abortive.

For more information contact: Fr. Ben Cameron at [olmercy@fathersofmercy.com](mailto:olmercy@fathersofmercy.com)

### Save the Date-National Life Chain Sunday

October 3, 2010, 2:00-3:30pm

Last year on the first Sunday of October in more than 1,700 locations in 1,470 cities and towns across the United States and Canada, tens of thousands of pro-life people gathered to pray silently and hold professionally-printed signs beside major streets. They peacefully showed solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

Every year we hear about young women who have decided not to have an abortion after seeing the people praying and reading the signs.

For more information please visit: <http://NationalLifeChain.org>

To view photos, videos, and a partial listing of Life Chains, or to register, visit: <http://LifeChain.net>

### Affirming Life Symposium on Prenatal Diagnosis Support

Online Broadcast Live from Catholic University of America  
October 5, 2010 1:00-2:30pm

The symposium follows an online and live training (also at CUA), developed by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD). For more information on that training or to register, please visit [www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org) or contact Dr. Nancy Thompson at 319.270.6923 or 202.529.2933, 202.529.2934 (TTY) or by e-mail at [nthompson@ncpd.org](mailto:nthompson@ncpd.org).



## Upcoming Retreats

### **September 3 - September 5, 2010 -- Cork City, Ireland**

Contact: Bernadette 087-859-2877 [bergoulding@eircom.net](mailto:bergoulding@eircom.net)

Contact: Dr. Rita O'Connor 061-468-570

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

### **September 3 - September 5, 2010 -- El Paso, Texas**

Contact: Lupe 915-867-8016 [Rachelsvineyard@Elpasodiocese.org](mailto:Rachelsvineyard@Elpasodiocese.org)

**September 3 - September 5, 2010 -- Fresno, California**

Contact: Jennifer Butcher 877-629-6626 butcher\_jennifer@yahoo.com

Contact: Rosalinda Gutierrez - Español 888-686-8537 rosgonz20@aol.com

**September 3 - September 5, 2010 -- San Francisco Bay Area, California**

Local Host: First Resort

Contact: Christine Watkins 415-260-4406 christinew@firstresort.net

Retreat Location: Menlo Park

Note: Interdenom

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Jacksonville/St. Augustine, Florida**

Contact: Donna Augustine 904-221-3232 rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Joliet / Romeoville, Illinois**

Local Host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office

Contact: Kay 866-994-GIVE corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Lisbon, Portugal**

Contact: Claudia Muller 91-735-4602 claudiahmuller@gmail.com

Contact: Psicologa Maria Jose Vilaca mjvilaca@sapo.pt

Contact: Padre Fernando Paiva fmaiop@portugalmail.pt

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

Contact: Toni Jester 412-621-6953 toniafj1@comcast.net

Contact: Toni 412-352-5348

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Prescott Valley, Arizona**

Contact: Lisa 928-713-9504 rvrpvaz@gmail.com

Retreat Location: Kirkland, West of Prescott

**September 10 - September 12, 2010 -- Richmond (Interdenominational), Virginia**

Contact: Gordon and Deborah Frantzich 540-775-5147 dfrantzich@gmail.com

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Amarillo, Texas**

Contact: Christina Casas 806-679-3370

Contact: Stephanie Frausto 806-678-4673 ts\_frausto@yahoo.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Charlotte, North Carolina**

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

Contact: Maggi Fitzpatrick Nadol 704-370-3229 MNadol@CharlotteDiocese.org

Contact: Deacon Tom Rasmussen 828-495-7234 deacontom@charterinternet.com

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Eugene, Oregon**

Contact: Lori Eckstine 541-942-2861 ProjectAurora@aol.com

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Fairfield County, Connecticut**

Local Host: Diocese of Bridgeport

Contact: Clarissa Cincotta 203-218-0291 jeremiah31v17@aol.com

Website: www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Janesville, Wisconsin**

Local Host: Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville

Contact: Cheryl Ryan 608-235-7542 rancher868@charter.net

Contact: Pregnancy Helpline 608-755-9739 cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net

Website: www.pregnancy-helpline.net/rachelsvineyard.htm

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Linden, New Jersey**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

Contact: Michelle Krystofik 732-388-8211 arnewrespect@sjanj.net

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Longbranch, Washington**

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800-822-HOPE valeriepr@aol.com

Contact: (Español) 206-450-7814

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Los Angeles, California**

Local Host: Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles

Contact: Christine Lowe 866-2-RACHEL rvla.christine@gmail.com

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Roanoke/Blacksburg, Virginia**

Contact: Linda 540-525-7513 RoanokeRachelsVineyard@gmail.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Sacramento, California**

Contact: Debbie Anderson 916-733-0161 projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org

**September 17 - September 19, 2010 -- Tucson, Arizona**

Contact: Judy 520-743-6777 reachout4life@q.com

**September 22 - September 24, 2010 -- Lac La Hache, British Columbia Canada**

Local Host: Kamloops Diocese

Contact: Nancy Hadden 250-267-5081 rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

**September 24 - September 26, 2010 -- Dallas (Español), Texas**

Contact: Beatriz 972-679-4760 sanacion@racheldallas.org

Website: www.racheldallas.org

Note: Español

**September 24 - September 26, 2010 -- Traverse City, Michigan**

Contact: Pam Mills 231-590-5099 pammillsrvnorth@aol.com

Website: www.rachelsvineyardnorthtc.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreats

**October 1 - October 3, 2010 -- Honolulu, Hawaii**

Contact: Lisa Shorba 808-349-5071 rvhawaii@gmail.com

**October 1 - October 3, 2010 -- Houston, Texas**

Contact: Traci or Cindy 281-658-7366 rvhouston@yahoo.com

Contact: Dixine 281-286-7729 ext 10

**October 1 - October 3, 2010 -- Tampa, Florida**

Contact: Emma Boe 813-631-4370 eboe@ccdosp.org

Retreat Location: Bethany Retreat Center, Lutz, FL

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Long Island/Brentwood, New York**

Contact: Frank and Lorraine Gariboldi 516-523-0586 fgariboldi@optonline.net

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Miami, Florida**

Local Host: St. Kevin Catholic Church

Contact: Christy Acevedo 305-479-9230 cloesq28@aol.com

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Monroe, Washington**

Contact: Barbara Olson 425-297-3225 bj.olson\_44@yahoo.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Northern New York, New York**

Contact: Colleen Miner 518-891-2309 cbm510@roadrunner.com

Retreat Location: Saranac Lake

Website: www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Philadelphia Area, Pennsylvania**

Contact: Priscilla 215-906-6337 oconnorp1@comcast.net

Contact: Geri Simboli 610-399-0890 simboli2@earthlink.net

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Santa Rosa/St. Helena, California**

Contact: Valerie Johnson Fish 707-967-1101 rachelsvineyard@gmail.com

Contact: Christine 415-260-4406 christinew@firstresort.net

**October 8 - October 10, 2010 -- Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

Local Host: Mended Heart Ministries

Contact: Marsha Hancock 336-247-0651 mendedheartministries@yahoo.com

Website: www.mhministries.net

Note: Interdenominational Retreats

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Arlington, Virginia**

Contact: Project Rachel 703-841-2504 projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

Contact: Project Rachel 888-456-HOPE

Note: English and Español Retreats offered

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Belfast, Northern Ireland**

Contact: Marian 02890-799967 marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk

Contact: Bernadette 087-859-2877 bergoulding@eircom.net

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.ie

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Great Falls/Helena, Montana**

Local Host: CSSMT - Rachel's Hope

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Website: www.cssmt.org/html/rachels\_hope.php

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Greater Cincinnati/N. Kentucky, Ohio**

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**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- North Battleford, Saskatchewan Canada**

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**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Peoria, Illinois**

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Retreat Location: Nazareth House in Henry, IL

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Steubenville, Ohio**

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**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Upstate / Greenville, South Carolina**

Local Host: Diocese of Charleston

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Cork City, Ireland**

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Contact: Dr. Rita O'Connor 061-468-570

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Denver, Colorado**

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Fairfield County (Spanish), Connecticut**

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Website: www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

Contact: Laura Denk 262-224-5617 hphelpcenter@att.net

Contact: Hartford Pregnancy Help Center 262-673-3733

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Fort Hood / Killeen, Texas**

Local Host: Hope Pregnancy Centers, Inc

Contact: Amy Casto 254-289-1595 [abortionrecovery@hopepc.com](mailto:abortionrecovery@hopepc.com)

Note: Interdenom

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan**

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Hays, Kansas**

Local Host: Salina Diocese

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Kelowna, British Columbia Canada**

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Knoxville, Tennessee**

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Las Cruces, New Mexico**

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Northwest Indiana, Indiana**

Local Host: Angela House

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**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Orange County, California**

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Note: Interdenominational

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Richmond, Virginia**

Local Host: Post Abortion Healing Ministry, Epiphany Catholic Church

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Retreat Location: Benedictine Abbey Retreat Center

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Rockford, Illinois**

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Retreat Location: Stronghold Retreat and Conference Center in Oregon, Illinois

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- San Bernardino, California**

Local Host: Pro Life Catholic Ministries

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Retreat Location: Duarte, CA

Note: English & Español

**October 22 - October 24, 2010 -- Washington DC Metro Area**

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Note: Español and English retreats offered

**October 29 - October 31, 2010 -- Asheville, North Carolina**

Local Host: Diocese of Charlotte

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**October 29 - October 31, 2010 -- Farmington, Connecticut**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford

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**October 29 - October 31, 2010 -- Minneapolis/St. Paul (Interdenominational), Minnesota**

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Note: Interdenominational Retreat

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**October 29 - October 31, 2010 -- Perth, Western Australia Australia**

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**October 29 - October 31, 2010 -- York County, Pennsylvania**

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