

# 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 internationally. Rachel's Vineyard welcomes women, men, couples, grandparents and former providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education, and healing models.*

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*Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is available on the web at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) and through line 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.*

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## A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Friends,

It was such a joy to be in Rome together with Theresa and Kevin Burke and with Janet Morana, as the four of us visited various offices of the Vatican. Everywhere we went, we received the strongest possible encouragement for the work of Rachel's Vineyard. I even spoke to Pope Benedict XVI about it, and he conveyed his personal blessings and best wishes on all of you who continue to make Rachel's Vineyard the largest ministry in the world for healing after abortion.

Theresa, Kevin, Janet and I were also so privileged to be part of a group of ten people who, for two days, assisted the Pontifical Academy for Life to gather raw material for an eventual document about the damage abortion does. This Academy is the key research agency at the Vatican for issues related to abortion and the protection of human life. Their invitation to us is a wonderful recognition of the research that Theresa and Kevin have published, as well as of the ministry Janet has coordinated with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

Blessings to all of you!

Fr. Frank Pavone

Pastoral Director and Chairman, Rachel's Vineyard

National Director, Priests for Life

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## Clergy in the Vineyard

Fr. Pat Scanlan P.P, has been serving in Parish ministry since his ordination in 1977 for the Diocese of Cloyne, Ireland and has been a member of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat team in Cork since 2003.

### **How long have you been involved in the post abortion ministry?**

*Since my ordination to the priesthood in June 1977, I have met with many women and some men who have been wounded by abortion. Almost invariably they were crying out for forgiveness and healing. In my experience the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation marks a decisive step in their journey towards recovery. Yet I have*

*always felt that they needed something more. What that something was, I was not so sure. Yes, the sin had been forgiven, but they had a deep need for healing and restoration.*

### **Can you share from your experience serving as a member of the Retreat team?**

*Being involved in these weekends certainly ranks among the most rewarding experiences of my priesthood. The essential role of the priest on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is to be present as one who really listens. By simply being present to them as they journey through their pain and grief towards hope and healing the priest is making present the gentle compassionate Christ who cares deeply for his wounded sisters and brothers.*

*It is not an exaggeration to say that on each weekend we experience miracles of grace. The participants usually arrive bowed down by too many years of grief and self-loathing. Slowly, gradually as they enter into the process of the weekend they get in touch with, express, release and reconcile deep painful post abortive emotions.*

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is made available to those who want it on Saturday night, is a beautiful experience for both penitent and priest. Both begin to realize the truth of the statement, "The Church is a hospital for sinners and not a hotel for saints." As they leave to return home on Sunday afternoon, many of them will have experienced the Mercy of the Lord at a very deep level. A grace that is truly amazing has touched wounded hearts and made of them beloved disciples who will in turn become instruments of his compassion to others. Some, because of their new found freedom, will in due course speak out and become part of a grass roots movement that will one day replace the present Culture of Death with a Culture of Life. I feel I am one of the most privileged of priests to have had this experience so many times and I encourage all priests, deacons, and seminarians to "come and see" at least once.*

### **How has your work in post abortion healing impacted your preaching?**

*Prior to my involvement in Rachel's Vineyard I often felt a bit scared at the prospect of preaching the Gospel of Life. I was conscious that in any congregation there may be one or more who had experienced abortion, and I was never sure how to effectively proclaim the truth while at the same time witnessing to compassion. The truth without compassion is a lethal weapon particularly for wounded souls. Compassion without the truth is a cruel deception. Now I actually enjoy preaching the Gospel of Life. I know from my experience of Rachel's Vineyard that the Gospel is truly Good News for these women and men, who have fallen victim to one of the great lies of our time. I usually tell my congregation that what I want to share is what I have learned from women and men, who have had abortions and how the Good Shepherd is waiting to embrace, heal and forgive them. I share in a gentle compassionate way that abortion wounds the lives of mothers and fathers. I know that if there are women present who have had abortions they will identify, and realize that the Church wants to help them. I have had people come to me afterwards to find out more about Rachel's Vineyard. For the remainder of the congregation, when I then proceed to present the Church's teaching on the right to life of the unborn it is but an obvious and positive conclusion to be embraced, once they have heard a little about post abortion syndrome.*

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## **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

By Theresa Burke

When I wrote the first Rachel's Vineyard book, which was a 15-week support group model, I would frequently pray before a crucifix hanging on my wall. I would offer my time, my writing talents, and my love. I invited God to use me, if he wanted to. I knew that God had given me a unique and special passion for this work. I wanted to help make a pathway for God to do what he does best – to transform, to renew, to rebuild – to REDEEM. I knew women and men needed a safe place to share their sad

secrets while experiencing love and support without judgment or criticism. After I published the support group manual , I received a hand written note from Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This was the greatest affirmation and inspiration we could ever receive. She wrote me several other times encouraging the work of Rachel's Vineyard. She also promised to pray for our ministry and each soul who would enter it. (That means Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been praying for everyone who travels through Rachel's Vineyard!) I have treasured her prayer support and have been inspired by it, using her life and virtue as a model to follow for all those who work in Rachel's Vineyard in simplicity, service and humility.

In 1948, Mother Teresa began a worldwide mission to the poorest of the poor, one person at a time. Convinced of a "call within a call," she left her first love as a teacher with the Sisters of Loretto and journeyed alone into the slums of Calcutta. She extended a touch of love to those most neglected. She represented not programs and plans but a heart beating with love for those who were least. Her efforts were fiercely criticized, but she never gave up.

The work of Rachel's Vineyard is also a journey into the poverty of our own souls. The desolate places where our hearts have been broken by abandonment, rejection, and death. God has allowed abortion and abuse, but he also desires to reveal Himself in the midst of our suffering, even when we can't feel him... even if we believe we are not worthy of his presence. Thankfully, God built his church as a refuge for the lost as a way for us to come home because he loves us and wants us to share in His life.

No one can argue that there is much work to be done, in our own souls and in the world. The question of why God allows human suffering cries out from the depths of our humanity. It was into this place of mystery that Mother Teresa of Calcutta invited us: We are invited to see through the eyes of sheer faith and experience the paradoxical reality that we can find God in the midst of the most crushing poverty. We find the face of Christ in the midst of facing death and our own mortality, the death of aborted children and the death caused by sin in our own lives which has paralyzed and broken our spirit. Only through the cross can we grasp the greatness of God's love, the power of the cross is the power of love and forgiveness. When we truly experience the power of the Gospel, which is forgiveness, our lives are changed.

That is certainly at the very heart of Christ's ministry: His plan of action was "one on one" in the presence of Christian community, with humble, personal, encounters. Personal encounters with the Samaritan woman, the leper, blind Bartimaeus, or the fisherman Peter, or the tax collector Matthew, or with Zacchaeus, Martha and Mary, or the thieves at the Cross...and in these little personal encounters he makes the most profound statements.

That is certainly the heart of the work being carried out in Rachel's Vineyard. God invites us to labor silently and quietly in the hurting places of the soul as an act of charity and perfect love.

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## An All Souls Day Appeal

On All Souls Day we remember those who have died. You can help a man or woman who is grieving the loss of their child by giving to Rachel's Vineyard on All Souls Day.

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

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"Few souls understand what God would accomplish in them if they were to abandon themselves unreservedly to Him and if they were to allow His grace to mold them accordingly."

~ St. Ignatius Loyola

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## Rachel's Vineyard in La Citta Eterna

By Kevin Burke

Theresa and Kevin Burke, Fr Frank Pavone and Janet Morana travelled to Rome at the invitation of the Pontifical Academy for Life. They were asked to participate in a study group on the effects of abortion. The sessions, held on September 2nd and 3rd, included experts in psychology, medicine and bioethics from the United States and Europe. In the intensive two day meetings the participants developed a working paper on post abortion trauma and healing that reflects some of the best information we know and will be an excellent resource to the Church in her outreach to post abortive women and men around the world.

Kevin and Theresa had an opportunity to attend a number of meetings with Fr. Frank and Janet along with Congressman Chris Smith and his wife Marie at the Pontifical Council for the Family, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and other Vatican agencies. Marie Smith is the Director of the PNCI (Parliamentary Network for Critical Issues), which is a ministry of Gospel of Life. These were excellent opportunities to develop a stronger working relationship between the ministries of Priests For Life, Rachel's Vineyard, and PNCI, with the Vatican to explore how our experience and resources can assist the Holy See in the mission of the universal Church.

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## Clinical Training in Baltimore, MD

By Amanda Miner

Theresa and Kevin Burke traveled to Baltimore, Maryland on September 24, 2010 to provide a clinical training on post abortion trauma and healing. The responses were very positive. One participant said this: "I attended a Rachel's Vineyard retreat and it has helped me to cross the bridge into further healing. Thank you, Theresa and Kevin, for your response to the Holy Spirit's promptings. I will pray for your ministry." Another participant shared how the day impacted her: "Wow! I got so much out of this day, not only for my work at Birthright, but for help with family members." A different counselor shared: "I had no idea! This seminar really opened my eyes. All day I have been thinking about different clients who see me. I feel like they were described so accurately and it made so much sense. I can't wait for my next sessions when I can bring this subject up!"

If you would like to sponsor a clinical or regional training please contact Kelly Smith at [kelly@rachelsvineyard.org](mailto:kelly@rachelsvineyard.org). Also, please check our website and this newsletter for upcoming trainings in a city near you!

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## Travels to New Zealand and Australia

On September 10-12 Theresa Burke provided a full day seminar and number of keynote addresses at the Voice for Life Conference in Queenstown, New Zealand. Queenstown is one of the most breathtaking places on earth. It is the same area where the Lord of the Rings trilogy was filmed. [Click here](#) to see photos. Catherine Gillies invited Theresa to New Zealand. She is the National President for Voice for Life and a Rachel's Vineyard team member in New Zealand. After the clinical training and another two day conference, Theresa headed to Australia. One of the first stops was the Good Shepherd Seminary to speak with 35 men at the invitation of the Rector, Fr. Anthony Percy.

Fr. Peter Maher, Coordinator for the Sydney Rachel's Vineyard group, joined us and shared his experience as a priest and counselor on the Rachel's Vineyard retreats. The seminarians were very attentive and asked a lot of great questions.

The next day Dr. Burke had a full day with Rachel's Vineyard leaders who traveled from as far away as Perth and Tasmania to spend the day with her. In the morning they strategized ways to manage the expansion, growth and mentoring needs of Rachel's Vineyard throughout Australia and now spreading to neighboring places like Singapore, Africa and New Zealand. In the afternoon more Rachel's Vineyard team members arrived to participate in a training session for facilitation skills that are used on Rachel's Vineyard retreats. Theresa shares: "It was tremendous to see all our longtime Aussie friends from the Vineyard. These folks share so much history with us-and even though they are a day ahead, a world apart, and down under, it feels like the time and miles can never separate us. I loved to reconnect and be with each of them."

As soon as the training finished, Theresa left for PJ Gallagher's Pub, where her talk was followed by a lively discussion including many great questions from medical and nursing students. This pub is the legendary home of the original "Theology on Tap" group which began during The Sydney World Youth Days and has since spread throughout the world.

The next day, Theresa met with Cardinal George Pell. Theresa expressed gratitude for all the support that Cardinal Pell has given to the Rachel's Vineyard team in Sydney over the past ten years. She also thanked the Cardinal for honoring Julie Kelly, the woman who brought Rachel's Vineyard from the United States and spent the last decade spreading it throughout Australia. Julie was knighted by the Cardinal last year when Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI bestowed on her the honor of Dame of the order of St. St Sylvester for her distinguished service to the Archdiocese of Sydney. According to this ancient order, Julie is one of the few people in the world who have permission to ride a horse through the Vatican!

Cardinal Pell introduced his staff at the Marriage and Family Life Office. Some important conversation centered around the importance of introducing new efforts to incorporate information about post abortion healing into Marriage Preparation programs.

Leaving Sydney and heading North to Brisbane, Theresa gave another public lecture for the Cherish Life event. The next day Theresa went to visit The John Paul II Family Life Center and The Queensland Center for Bio-Ethics, directed by Ray Campbell.

The trip to Brisbane culminated with a clinical training for medical and Mental health professionals taught by Dr. Burke. A number of workers from a nearby hospital attended. Nurses who have worked with patients undergoing abortion recognized their own symptoms of trauma and shared their experiences and grief because of their participation in hospital abortions. As the seminar progressed, those listening were brought to tears as they listened to the destructive impact of abortion – but hope and the promise of healing was offered as Theresa gave a moving overview of Rachel's Vineyard. There is no doubt that the next Rachel's Vineyard retreats in Brisbane will be quite full! Gwen Winterscheidt, the therapist who facilitates the retreats in Brisbane gave out information on their upcoming retreats and recruited new counselors to help.

Special thanks to all those who worked so hard to help coordinate this extraordinary trip, especially Bob Lalonde who is helping with the international growth of Rachel's Vineyard, and all those "down under" who worked so hard to host our visit. Particular gratitude to Catherine Gillies for providing a fall wardrobe when Theresa's luggage was lost, in Hong Kong we think! Tremendous thanks and appreciation to Fr. Peter Maher who hosted us at his rectory and provided transportation and coordination for all our events in Sydney.

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## Join Us for the Freedom Ride!

Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the team of Priests for Life believe it is time for another "Pro-life Freedom Ride," a peaceful, visible expression of the commitment of people around the country to work for freedom for the unborn, freedom from the lies that permit abortion, freedom from the despair that leads to and follows 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)

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## Australia Rachel's Vineyard National Conference Save the Dates

The Australian Rachel's Vineyard National Conference will be held on October 8-10, 2010 in Templestowe, Australia. Please visit their website at [www.rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au) or e-mail [info@opendoors.com.au](mailto:info@opendoors.com.au) for more information.

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

The next Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference will take place July 18th-21st, 2011 in Malvern, PA. Mark your calendars now and save the dates for an educational and inspirational gathering that you won't want to miss! We are moving into high gear in the planning of our conference. If you'd like to suggest any topics that would be helpful to your ministry, please email Kelly Smith at [kelly@rachelsvineyard.org](mailto:kelly@rachelsvineyard.org). We'll do our best to provide speakers and workshops that will be targeted to your needs.

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"Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?"

~ St. Gerard Majella

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## Upcoming Events/Trainings

### **Pro-Life Freedom Ride - Knoxville and Chattanooga, TN**

**Friday, October 15, 2010 -- Saturday, October 16, 2010**

Who: Dr. Alveda King, Fr. Frank Pavone, the Priests for Life Pastoral Team, and African-American Leaders from across the nation

Contact info: 718-980-4400 or toll free 1-888-735-3448 or email:

[mail@priestsforlife.org](mailto:mail@priestsforlife.org)

### **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

401-421-7833 x118

[rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:rl.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org)

## **Vienna, Austria**

### **International Theological Institute**

**November 15-21, 2010**

Speaker(s): Kevin Burke, LSW

Theresa Burke, Ph.D

Contact: Ginger Mortensen

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[ginger.mortensen@iti.ac.at](mailto:ginger.mortensen@iti.ac.at)

ITI will be hosting a week of training, lectures and continuing education on post abortion trauma and healing.

#### *\*Regional Training*

*Dr. Theresa Burke offers Regional Skill Building Clinics to those who serve in Rachel's Vineyard Ministries who are looking to expand their knowledge of the retreat process, to sharpen their facilitation skills and to update the team on any new developments in the ministry as well as sharing best practices.*

*A Regional Skill Building Clinic satisfies the required amount of continued training noted in the Rachel's Vineyard Licensing agreement.*

*For details and more information on how to host a regional training for sites in your area please contact Kelly Smith at [Kelly@rachelvineyard.org](mailto:Kelly@rachelvineyard.org)*

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## **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.

### **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)

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## **An Invitation to Rachel's Vineyard Alumni**

By Susan Swander

Dear Friends,

Our Companions On The Journey e-group has grown to hundreds of members and is quite active. We average over 100 messages a month. We get lots of questions from women & men struggling with various issues after retreats - relationships, family, when to speak out, etc. And we get terrific, supportive, loving, compassionate answers and input. Sometimes it's just enough to know there is a group of people who have walked through the same difficulties. It's reassuring to know you're not the only one with these feelings. The group is a mix of many faith traditions: Catholic, Protestant, Nondenominational, and those without a particular faith community - making it truly an Interdenominational group.

If you have are post-abortive and have attended a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and want to join this group, please visit our website's "online communities" section or [click here](#).

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## Rachel's Vineyard Team Training Opportunity

If you have wanted to make a retreat or become a Rachel's Vineyard retreat team member, there is still room for more at our Columbus Day Weekend retreat being held Oct 8, 9 & 10 in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of New York State. The retreat house is located in Saranac Lake, 3 hours from Albany, NY in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. If you have a wait list or a future team member who needs to make a retreat experience, please contact Colleen Miner as soon as possible. For more info and to download a registration form, please visit [www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/](http://www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life/)

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## Rachel's Vineyard in the News

Rachel's Vineyard and Dr. Theresa Burke were highlighted in a recent article in Salvo Magazine. The article addresses the effects of abortion and touches on Rachel's Vineyard retreats as a path to healing and hope. You can read the article online by [clicking here](#).

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries was also mentioned in a recent article printed on the Catholic News Agency's website. The article is about a new missionary community in Russia. The community has been running Rachel's Vineyard retreats. To read the article please [click here](#).

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## Rachel's Vineyard Social Networking

Click the links below to visit Rachel's Vineyard social networking sites. Join today and send to your friends and family!

Facebook Fan Page: [www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard](http://www.facebook.com/rachelsvineyard)

Facebook Cause: [www.causes.com/rachelsvineyard](http://www.causes.com/rachelsvineyard)

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)

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## 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."*

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## 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), 610-779-8989.

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## 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.

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## Rachel's Vineyard 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](#).

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"Love God, serve God: everything is in that."  
~ St. Clare of Assisi

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## United in Prayer

*We pray for the following intentions:*

For **George Griffiths**, husband of **Lore Griffiths** of the **Romeoville/Joliet, IL** site as he battles a brain tumor. May he find strength and healing in our Lord.

For **Graham Bell** and 3 year-old **Sydney Bell** of Kelowna as they mourn the loss of their wife and mother **Laurie Bell**. We also pray for the soul of baby **Ephram Bell**. Laurie passed away in childbirth.

For the repose of the soul of **Fr. Tony** of the **Linden, NJ** Rachel's Vineyard retreat team. We pray that Fr. Tony's family and the Linden team find comfort in Christ's love as they mourn this loss.

*We pray in thanksgiving:*

For our new site in **Hildesheim, Germany** led by **Anne Arthur**, and our new site leaders **Jeanette Kristensen** in **Temecula, CA** and **David Suchanick** in **Nashville, TN**. Please keep these site leaders and teams in your prayers as they labor in Rachel's Vineyard.

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## 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](#).

"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials."

~ St. Teresa of Avila

## Other Conferences/Events of Interest

### 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 Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

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

Contact: Lisa Shorba 808-349-5071 [rvhawaii@gmail.com](mailto:rvhawaii@gmail.com)

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

Contact: Traci or Cindy 281-658-7366 [rvhouston@yahoo.com](mailto:rvhouston@yahoo.com)

Contact: Dixine 281-286-7729 ext 10

### **October 1 - October 3, 2010 -- Lafayette, Louisiana**

Contact: Karol D. Meynard 337-261-5607 [karol@dol-louisiana.org](mailto:karol@dol-louisiana.org)

Contact: Trista M. Littell 337-261-5607 [tristal@dol-louisiana.org](mailto:tristal@dol-louisiana.org)

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

Contact: Emma Boe 813-631-4370 [eboe@ccdosp.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cloesq28@aol.com)

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

Contact: Barbara Olson 425-297-3225 [bj.olson\\_44@yahoo.com](mailto: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/](http://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](http://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**

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

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

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Crookston, Minnesota**

Contact: Ruth Ruch 701-219-3941 ruch@i29.net

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Fargo, North Dakota**

Local Host: Diocese of Crookston, MNLifeCare Center of Thief River Falls, MN

Contact: Ruth Ruch 701-219-3941 ruch@i29.net

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

Local Host: CSSMT - Rachel's Hope

Contact: Susan Gliko 406-442-0607 susanmtrv@msn.com

Website: [www.cssmt.org/html/rachels\\_hope.php](http://www.cssmt.org/html/rachels_hope.php)

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

Contact: Bonnie Cameron 306-445-3158 bacameron@sasktel.net

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

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Contact: Jeanne Whalen 309-671-1550 jwhalen@cdop.org

Retreat Location: Nazareth House in Henry, IL

**October 15 - October 17, 2010 -- Portland, Maine**

Contact: Sandra Thompson 207-871-7464 2670 psm@ccmaine.org

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

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

Contact: Sharon Maedke 740-283-3636 aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net

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

Local Host: Diocese of Charleston

Contact: Christy 803-554-6088 grace4healing@gmail.com

Contact: Kathy 803-546-6010 postabortionhealing@gmail.com

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

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

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

Website: www.rachelsvineyard.ie

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

Contact: Edith Gutierrez 303-410-1710 edieg2@aol.com

Contact: Lori Frank 303-904-7414 lorgreg@msn.com

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

Contact: Cristina Martinez 203-394-3898 caminodeluz1@sbcglobal.net

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

Note: Interdenom

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

Contact: Maggie Walsh 616-340-1824 mwalsh@ccwestmi.org

Contact: Toll-free (MI only) 800-800-8284

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

Local Host: Salina Diocese

Contact: Donetta Robben 877-447-4383 rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org

Website: www.salinadiocese.org

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

Contact: Janet Kormish 250-762-2273 pr\_nelsondiocese@hotmail.com

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

Contact: Catherine McHugh 865-694-4971 peace4lilith@aol.com

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

Contact: Elizabeth Behnke 575-640-5080 bslmrvls@aol.com

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

Local Host: Angela House

Contact: Kathy Druzicki 219-558-0625 kdruz@att.net

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

Contact: Sandy White 949-322-8575 ocrvinterdenom@gmail.com

Note: Interdenominational

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

Contact: Kay Marie Geiger 804-330-3137 kmg4hope@verizon.net

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

Contact: Catherine Rennert 815-968-1157 cathy.rennert@gmail.com

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

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

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

Contact: Blanca Leal-McGuthrie (Español) 909-238-4037 markblanca@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Mary Huber - (English) 909-475-5352 mhuber@sbdiocese.org

Retreat Location: Duarte, CA

Note: English & Español

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

Contact: Eugenia Hadley 301-300-1997 mena4481@aol.com

Note: Español and English retreats offered

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

Local Host: Diocese of Charlotte

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Contact: Shelley Glanton 828-230-4940

Contact: Carla Haire 828-342-4655 cwool76@verizon.net

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

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford

Contact: Mary Hayden 203-882-1326 mmhdfc@sbcglobal.net

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

Contact: Debbi Stocco 651-206-8926 rvineyard@nationalrd.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

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

Contact: Jenny Shier rachelsvineyardwa@gmail.com

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

Contact: Joy 717-788-4959 Rvpamd@gmail.com

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Baltimore County (Interdenom), Maryland**

Local Host: Serenity Pastoral Counseling

Contact: Pam Bell 410-977-2571 serenitypcc@comcast.net

Website: www.serenitypcc.com

Note: Interdenominational

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Boise, Idaho**

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Contact: Terry Lennox 208-938-4976 [terrylennox@cableone.net](mailto:terrylennox@cableone.net)

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Clarks Summit/Scranton, Pennsylvania**

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**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Dallas, Texas**

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Website: www.racheldallas.org

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Lubbock, Texas**

Contact: Kathy Krile 806-577-5912 lbb\_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Miami (Español), Florida**

Contact: Jackie Guillen 305-302-9436 clamordevida@aim.com

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Omaha/Lincoln, Nebraska**

Contact: Heather helpingrachel@yahoo.com

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Portland, Oregon**

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**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Puglia, Piemonte Italy**

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**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Springfield, Massachusetts**

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Retreat Location: Chicopee & Stockbridge

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Taipei, Taiwan**

Contact: Georgie Hsieh 886-2-933426608 [georgiehsieh@yahoo.com.tw](mailto:georgiehsieh@yahoo.com.tw)

**November 5 - November 7, 2010 -- Wellington Region, Wellington New Zealand**

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**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Atlanta, Georgia**

Contact: Mary Ann McNeil 404-717-5557 pathmcneil@earthlink.net  
Website: [www.healingafterabortion.org](http://www.healingafterabortion.org)

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Lancaster, Kentucky**

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Lexington  
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**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Las Vegas, Nevada**

Contact: Kathleen Miller 702-737-1672 katm419@aol.com  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat and Catholic

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Las Vegas (Español), Nevada**

Contact: Maria Vasquez 702-283-8379 shalom\_m@msn.com  
Note: Español

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Longbranch, Washington**

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800-822-HOPE valeriepr@aol.com  
Contact: (Español) 206-450-7814

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Madison, Wisconsin**

Local Host: Diocese of Madison  
Contact: Mary Mead 608-221-9593 meadmt@sbcglobal.net

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Melbourne (Interdenom), Victoria Australia**

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Website: [www.opendoors.com.au](http://www.opendoors.com.au)  
Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Mesa, Arizona**

Local Host: St. Timothy & St Thomas the Apostle  
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**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Pittsburgh (Western PA), Pennsylvania**

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Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**November 12 - November 14, 2010 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma**

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**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Baltimore, Maryland**

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Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 410-299-9597  
Website: [www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net)

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Doylestown, Pennsylvania**

Contact: Susan Fetta 267-880-3631 sefetta@comcast.net

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Hildesheim, Germany**

Contact: Christiane Kurpik chrkur@web.de

Contact: Anne Arthur amecarthur@yahoo.com

**November 19 - November 19, 2010 -- Jacksonville/St. Augustine, Florida**

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

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Katy, Texas**

Local Host: Pregnancy Center of West Houston

Contact: Mary Lee 254-383-1717 ml.mason@att.net

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Linden, New Jersey**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

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

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Northwest Indiana, Indiana**

Local Host: Angela House

Contact: Kathy Druzicki 219-558-0625 kdruz@att.net

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Orlando/Central Florida, Florida**

Contact: Karen Reilly 321-662-5097 karenreilly57@gmail.com

Retreat Location: San Pedro Center

Website: www.sanpedrocenter.org

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Richardton, North Dakota**

Local Host: Bismarck Diocese

Contact: Carol Kling 605-374-5639 ckling@sdplains.com

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

Contact: Martin Mergen 1-800-700-7867 mmergen@sio.midco.net

**November 19 - November 21, 2010 -- Wheeling, West Virginia**

Local Host: Catholic Charities of West Virginia

Contact: Tawnya Knierim 304-233-0880 ext 459 rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net

**November 26 - November 28, 2010 -- Ottawa, Ontario Canada**

Contact: Terry or Lynda Munroe 613-806-5522 rvr\_ottawa@yahoo.ca

Website: www.newwine.ca

Note: Interdenom, English