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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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Retreating from the Earthquake- Our Recent Experience in New Zealand

By Suzanne O'Rourke

The first of three 2011 Rachel's Vineyard Retreats to be offered in New Zealand has been achieved, despite the complications of travel difficulties and wide-ranging experiences of personal loss brought into each of our lives by the earthquake.

Our first Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in 2011 took place just ten days after the earthquake that has had a significant impact on our largest South Island city. It is impossible to describe how this felt to all of us. You realize how small and connected New Zealand is, when at a stroke, everyone in the country was immediately 'part of Christchurch'. Some Retreat participants had travel plans interrupted and changed because of the state of emergency that existed, although all who were scheduled to attend the Retreat did in fact come – thank God.

As the Site Leader, the lessons of this particular Retreat for me are many: Trust the Prayer Network, trust the Retreat Process, trust the Team Formation and trust the Team.

We are a new Team and this was the first Retreat we had conducted without the presence of our mentor, Anne Sherston from Australia. Our Retreat location is in a rural area and we had arranged to assemble the evening before to allow for time for the team to catch up and reflect before setting up and getting into the Retreat process. This has

probably been the most intelligent decision we have made as a Team. It gave us some time to acknowledge something of what had been going on for each of us since we last met and to find a sense of Team perspective and support as we moved into the Retreat.

One of our Rachel's Vineyard team members, Carolina Gnad, lives in Christchurch and although physically unhurt, was part of the door-to-door relief work that was immediately put into place. Her experience of knowing people who were injured or killed and of living with the physical and emotional impact of natural disaster was very much with her as she joined the team in Wellington.

Dawn De Witt, the retreat therapist, has been supporting people affected by the Christchurch earthquake and brought to the situation some insights into how the earthquake experiences might have an impact on a journey into grief and loss. It was comforting to the rest of us to know she was keeping a particularly watchful eye on everyone. There is a sense of collective memory that comes with those moments that touch an entire nation and there was a fleeting risk that the emotional journey for each individual might become side-tracked into this greater sense of national loss. In the event, it was never an issue as both Wendy Hill the retreat facilitator and spiritual director Fr. David Kennerley, S.M., quietly worked the retreat process from their respective roles and allowed the Holy Spirit to do what the Holy Spirit does.

We all know the weeks leading up to a Retreat are particularly testing, for all sorts of reasons. Participants are fragile at the prospect of travelling over some difficult personal terrain while for the team, 'trusting the process' doesn't eliminate the need for a lot of preparation.

As we came away from the retreat we once again connected with images of international Search and Rescue Teams working alongside our own New Zealand people. It is truly humbling to know the prayer support and practical help which has simply appeared for us during this time of earthquake. Sobering too, that in the same way everyone, it seems, knows Christchurch New Zealand, so now we also have Sendai, Japan written on our hearts.

It seems there is an echo in all this through the network of prayer and support for each Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. I am deeply touched by the many messages of support we have had ahead of our first 'solo' Retreat and grateful that we too can contribute our prayers to others who labor in the vineyard as well.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in New Zealand will be near Wellington on 17-19 June and 11-13 November 2011.



Preaching the Pro-Life Message with Compassion and Hope

By Michelle Krystofik

Associate Director of Respect Life Ministries- Archdiocese of Newark, NJ
Site Leader for Linden, NJ site-Rachel's Vineyard New Sites Coordinator
On Friday, March 25th, the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ hosted the first in a series of Life Issues Seminars for Priests. The topic for the seminar was *"Preaching the Pro-Life Message with Compassion and Hope."*

Over 70 priests and deacons attended and were blessed by an inspirational and informative presentation by Fr. Frank Pavone and Kevin Burke. Fr. Frank shared ways to more effectively preach the Church's message on the Sanctity of Life with love and compassion. Kevin Burke's presentation focused on reaching out to men hurt by abortion and the increasing prevalence of abortions due to fetal abnormality. He also spoke about helping couples find healing who abort due to poor pre-natal diagnosis.

Feedback from the attendees reflected the common reaction that when it comes to men and abortion, "we never really understood how deeply this impacts men." The clergy appreciated the opportunity to hear from a world renowned expert in preaching the Gospel of Life. The question and answer period offered an opportunity for questions and provided some excellent topics to consider for future presentations.

What a great opportunity to reach so many priests and help them become the voices of compassion and healing to their flock!



A Rachel's Vineyard Reflection

By Monica Cafferella

According to an old tale, a soldier, feeling the need for spiritual healing, asked a holy monk if God would accept repentance. The monk, using the Socratic method of teaching, challenged the soldier with another question: "Tell me, if your cloak is torn, do you throw it away?" The soldier replied, "Oh, no, I mend the tear so I can use it again." After a moment of silence, the monk said, "If you are so careful about your cloak, will our Loving Father not be just as careful about His children?" The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a retreat that is designed to "mend the tears" in the souls and the psyches of those who at one point in their lives chose abortion and have carried the pain of that decision silently for years. The psalmist quoted above captures the internal suffering of guilt and how it shadows one's whole life. The only cure is returning to God, our Loving Father, who is waiting with arms open wide to forgive and to heal our souls. However, the hardest thing for any human being to do is to admit guilt because sin takes deep root in the soul and causes a shame that makes one think God can never forgive such a transgression. A special grace is needed to convince those carrying this burden that God is a God of infinite mercy and forgiveness. Each of us needs to pray every day that those who need to go to this retreat will

feel the power of the Holy Spirit and will register for the retreat. The joy of forgiveness is God's great gift to those who turn to Him. It is also a peace that is beyond all understanding.



A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you today from Ave Maria University in Florida where I have just concluded a "Summit Meeting" of national pro-life leaders which I convened, along with Tom Monaghan, for the second time. We had a very fruitful all-day meeting, leading to various areas of strong consensus on how we can move forward together – as diverse leaders and groups – with stronger collaboration.

I am happy (but not surprised) to say that the harm abortion does to women was among the themes uppermost on the minds of these leaders. We are ready to work together to expose to the public the severe damage abortion does to women and their families.

Once again, therefore, the importance of Rachel's Vineyard becomes clear. This ministry brings so much healing, and in the process of doing so, empowers so many people to engage the fight to protect the unborn and their moms and dads. As people face their wounds, they are more willing to educate others about those wounds, and save others from experiencing such wounds. Just as abortion causes a spiral of destruction that extends far beyond the immediate victims, so Rachel's Vineyard causes a "spiral of healing," extending far beyond the immediate participants in the retreat.

That should give us all encouragement and energy each day to pursue and grow this ministry. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
Fr. Frank Pavone
Pastoral Director and Chairman, Rachel's Vineyard
National Director, Priests for Life
Follow me at twitter.com/frfrankpavone



"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered...God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed."

~ Pope Benedict XVI



Behold, I am Making all Things New

...He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new. " (Rev:21, 4-5)

For those that have found reconciliation and healing in Christ, the feast of Easter fills post abortive mothers and fathers with the deepest thanksgiving and the confident hope that through the merits of the cross of Jesus, and the power of His resurrection they will one day gaze upon their precious children in Heaven. The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat provides a foretaste of this miracle and is grounded in this hope.

The retreat brings healing to wounded hearts and souls...beautifully preparing them to fully embrace their sons and daughters with love.

To all Rachel's Vineyard alumni; to our site leaders, their teams/volunteer and prayer warriors; to all our friends and supporters of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries around the world...a blessed and joy-filled Easter to you and your loved ones!



Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief in a Group Format A Letter from Janet Kormish

We have just finished presenting five of the DVD series, Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief to a group of over thirty people. In the evaluations all of the people used the word, "excellent". The venue and the process used in presenting this material enhanced the value of the information received from the DVD's themselves. The people could not wait to get back the following week to be part of it all.

First of all, the decor was beautiful and created a warm atmosphere, where the presence of God was felt. We started the evening with announcements, an opening song, a prayer, and then the showing of the DVD, followed by a 15 minute break with refreshments. Another song drew the people back to their tables, where we broke into small groups. Each group had a team leader who guided the small group as they answered one of the questions from the study guide. The leader then reported briefly back to the larger group. We ended with a closing song and prayer. The evening began at 7 p.m. and ended at 9 p.m. and we were able to stick to the time frame. We did not charge a fee, but we had donation envelopes on each table. Over the five nights we received donations of \$440. I would definitely recommend the above format for other Rachel's Vineyard sites who would like to present the DVD series to the public. When we advertised, we invited everyone from the general public, and also stated that it would be of particular interest to counselors, mental health workers, etc.

We will be presenting another four of the DVD series in the fall, and another four in Jan/Feb.2012. We found that when you show these DVD's weekly, the content is so intense that four or five at a time is just about right. We also had prayer teams available for anyone who was triggered by the content of the DVD's. The results gained from this venture greatly exceeded our expectations.

I plan to talk to our Bishop about the success of these presentations, with the hope that he will support it within the diocese and with his priests. Our hope is that during Priest Study Days (held once a year) that the bishop would consider using at least some of the DVD's there. We are also brain storming about presenting it in a weekend format in the eastern most part of our diocese.

Thank you and Priests for Life for putting this information together.

Blessings, Peace and Love,
Janet Kormish, Kelowna, BC Rachel's Vineyard team

*To order the DVD set and course guide for **Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief** or for more information [click here](#).*



An Easter Appeal

Easter is a time to celebrate new life with great joy. You can help someone who is suffering from the pain of abortion receive "new life" this Easter season through a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a non-profit organization. We are able to minister to those hurting after abortion through your contributions and prayers. We offer thanks and gratitude for all those who have supported Rachel's Vineyard this past year.

Here's how to make a donation:

Online: www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate

By Phone: 610-354-0555

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



"And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here."

~ St. Augustine



Meet Our Staff

We'd like you to get to know our team better at the Rachel's Vineyard International Office. This month, we'd like to introduce you to Kelly Smith, Administrative Assistant for the office.

Tell us a little about yourself.

I am originally from Gilbertsville, PA just a short trip from King of Prussia where our office is located. In 2008, I graduated from DeSales University with a Bachelors of Arts in Marriage and Family Studies. I was involved in campus ministry and, along with a great group of girlfriends, helped to start the first women's group on campus dedicated to the Catholic faith. In my four years at DSU, I had the wonderful opportunity to take four spring break service trips to North Carolina, Texas, India and Peru. Right out of college I was working part time as a Foster Care Case Worker at Catholic Charities in Allentown, PA. I've been working with Rachel's Vineyard for over 2 years now as an administrative assistant.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I am the Youth Minister to a hilarious group of high school students at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bally, PA. In my free time I love spending time with my friends and family, especially my two nephews Nathaniel and Xavier. Singing is a huge hobby of mine and I am an active member of the choir at Most Blessed Sacrament. Anyone who attended our leadership conference in 2008 knows all about this! Currently, I am training to run the Walt Disney World Marathon in January and I am very excited!

What led you to Rachel's Vineyard?

Soon after I started at Catholic Charities they found out the funding for a full time position for me was not approved. They told me I could stay as a part time employee but as a recent college graduate with a stack of loans about to come my way I needed to find something full time. I had met Maryann Dunn, the RV team leader in Allentown, at DeSales during a presentation in a class on the meaning of death and dying. I fell in love with the concept of healing after abortion because, while I was always involved in pro-life ministry, I often wondered what resources were available to women and men who had made the choice and were now struggling. Not even a week after I decided to leave Catholic Charities did I receive an email from Kathryn Boyle, a former employee of Rachel's Vineyard and friend of mine from DSU, saying their main office was looking for an administrative assistant. I thought it was nothing short of divine inspiration because her email could not have come at a more perfect time. I received the email on a Friday and sent my resume out first thing on Monday and was thrilled when I got the call for an interview. Within that month I was hired.

What is your Job Description?

My job title is administrative assistant and my main focus is to coordinate Theresa and Kevin's travel schedule. If any of you have planned a clinical or regional training or invited Kevin or Theresa to speak at your banquet in the last two years you and I have probably had many phone/email conversations! I also help Theresa develop her classes by doing research and putting the information together into PowerPoint presentations. Right now I am working on our leadership training conference for this summer by organizing all of our speakers

and putting together the conference book. I also helped to start the Rachel's Vineyard Facebook page and maintain it through our many daily posts. As an administrative assistant I also answer phone calls, emails and other correspondences that come through our office.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

I love hearing that a training went off without a hitch. I work so closely with the organizations sponsoring these trainings and work hard to make it as easy as possible for them. I recognize that I deal with trainings everyday but for most of them this is the first time they are doing this. Everyone I have dealt with so far has been absolutely wonderful and it's been a pleasure working with all of them! I also like to read the comments on the comment cards Theresa and Kevin bring back. Although it wasn't me that offered the training, knowing how many people were touched, in sometimes unexpected ways, reminds me of why my job is important.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

I have always thought answering the hotline is the hardest part of this job. For many callers, we are their first contact and maybe even the first person they have told about their abortion. I have to say a quick prayer before each call that God will give me the right words. I realize how important it is to approach every call with love and compassion and to offer whatever support and information I can to help them find the healing they deserve. I wish I could say it's gotten easier over time but I still get butterflies every time the phone rings. I admire our volunteers that lovingly take the hotline on nights and weekends!

Any closing thoughts to share with us before you get back to work?

In my two years here, I have talked to so many of you that are involved with RV and I can honestly say that it's been a pleasure working with all of you. I met so many wonderful men and women at the Leadership Conference in 2008 and I am looking forward to seeing you all again this summer!



Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference 2011-Registration

The next Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference will take place July 18th-21st, 2011 in Malvern, PA. Register now for an educational and inspirational gathering that you won't want to miss! Registration forms are now available on our homepage. [Click here](#) to download the registration brochure. [Click here](#) to download the registration for the extra day trip to Amish country, Lancaster, PA to see an outstanding theater production of Joseph at Sight and Sounds theater.



Upcoming Events/Trainings

Clinical/Regional Training - Bismarck ND Friday, April 01, 2011 -- Saturday, April 02, 2011

Speaker: Theresa Burke, PhD
Contact info: Joyce McDowall 701-222-3035
jmcdowall@bismarckdiocese.com

Mount St. Mary's Seminary (CLOSED EVENT) Thursday, April 14, 2011

Speaker: Kevin Burke, LSW
Kevin is presenting to a theology class at the Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. He will be covering the topic of men and abortion.

Medical Students for Life Conference - Washington DC Saturday, April 16, 2011

Dr. Theresa Burke will be speaking at the Medical Students for Life of America conference in Washington DC.
Contact: Dominique Monlezun 703-351-6280

LifeLine of Berks County Banquet - Wyomissing, PA Thursday, April 28, 2011

Speaker: Theresa Burke, PhD
Contact info: David Ross
david@aigltd.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - Vienna Austria Friday, May 13, 2011 - Sunday, May 15, 2011

Dr. Theresa Burke will be running a Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Vienna at the International Theological Institute for students interested in bringing Rachel's Vineyard to their home countries.
Contact: Ginger Mortensen g.mortensen@iti.ac.at

NightVision Music Festival - Olathe, CO Friday, July 08, 2011 - Saturday, July 09, 2011

Dr. Theresa Burke, along with Fr. Frank Pavone and Dr. Alveda King, will be speaking at the NightVision Music Festival in Colorado on Friday July 8th.
For more info: <http://www.nightvisionphm.com/>

Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference - Malvern PA

Monday, July 18, 2011 -Thursday, July 21, 2011
See the [registration](#) brochure on our homepage for more information.

Association of Christian Therapists (ACT) Conference- Philadelphia, PA

Thursday, October 6, 2011 -Sunday, October 9, 2011
Speaker: Theresa Burke, PhD
For more information [click here](#).

Right to Life Banquet - Saginaw, MI Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Speaker: Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

Contact: Saginaw County Right to Life sagcountyrtil@yahoo.com

Details: Fundraising Banquet from 6-9pm

Clinical and Regional Training - Fresno, CA

Friday, November 04, 2011 - Saturday, November 05, 2011

Speaker: Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

Contact: Jim Easton kapncrunch@comcast.net

Details: Saturday regional training is for Rachel's Vineyard team members only.



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.griefftograce.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

April 14-17, 2011

November 17-20, 2011

G2GKelowna@shaw.ca



Crisis Pregnancy Center Break-In

An Expectant Mother Care Crisis Pregnancy Center in the South Bronx was broken into recently. Photographs captured the hard-wood flooring and plaster ripped up and completely destroyed. The supply closet was trashed, baby models thrown on the floor and Pampers were stolen.

Chris Slattery, founder and director of EMC said that burglars broke into the building through the second story window and stole over \$5,000 worth of equipment.

You can help with the cost of the damage by making a donation to EMC. [Click here](#) to make a donation online or you can mail a check or money-order to:

Expectant Mother Care / EMC Frontline Pregnancy Care Centers

PO Box 134

Bronx, NY 10470



Rachel's Vineyard Recommends

The Catholic View for Women

Don't miss the next episode of *The Catholic View for Women* on EWTN airing on Friday, April 8th at 3:00am and 6:30pm ET!! The topic is "finding your own Catholic identity/vocation."

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

Facebook Cause: www.causes.com/rachelsvineyard

Check out our new Youtube videos!:

www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

"The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

~ Robert Flatt

United in Prayer

We pray for the following intentions:

For the health of **Susan Swander's** mother. Many of you know Susan as she is the moderator for the Companions on the Journey e-group for Rachel's Vineyard post-abortive alumni. Also, we pray that Susan and her family find peace and trust in the Lord during this time of uncertainty.

For strength and healing for **New Zealand** as they continue to recover from the recent earthquake. We pray especially for our Rachel's Vineyard team in New Zealand and **Catherine Gilles** as she grieves the loss of a friend from the earthquake destruction.

For the people of **Japan** as they begin to recover from the recent earthquake and tsunami. May they find strength and comfort through Christ and the assistance of those who are inspired to help them.

For **Chris Slattery** and the ministry of **Expectant Mother Care** in **New York** as they begin to rebuild from the recent break-in/robbery at their South Bronx Crisis Pregnancy Center.

For a woman who is struggling with the loss of her husband and seeks to find healing from a past abortion. May the Holy Spirit guide her and give her comfort and strength.

For our new site leaders, **Kris Gaspari** in **Cedar Falls, IA** and **Kathleen Wimple** in **Albany, NY** and our new Spanish site in **Phoenix, AZ**. Please keep these retreat leaders and teams in your prayers as they labor in Rachel's Vineyard.



Other Conferences/Events of Interest

Save the Date-Holy Land Pilgrimage

Save the Date for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Join Kevin & Theresa Burke, Janet Morana of Silent No More, Priests for Life, and the Catholic View for Women, Teresa Tomeo of Ave Maria Catholic Radio and the Catholic View for Women and Steve & Janet Ray, Producers of the Footprints of God documentaries and certified guides on this beautiful journey. The pilgrimage will take place April 22-May 1, 2012. Stay tuned for more information!



Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Brisbane, Queensland Australia

Contact: Gwen 0407 175 508 wellspringministries@tpg.com.au

Contact: Lisa 0410 122 481 rvqld@live.com.au

Note: Please contact Gwen for inquiries about attending a retreat

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Dallas (Español), Texas

Contact: Ivonne Odegard 972-679-4760 sanacion@racheldallas.org

Website: www.racheldallas.org

Note: Español

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- El Paso, Texas

Contact: Lupe 915-867-8016 Rachelsvineyard@Elpasodiocese.org

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Greater Cincinnati/N. Kentucky, Ohio

Contact: Peggy Feirstine 513-588-0080 pfeirstine@cinci.rr.com

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Hobart, Tasmania Australia

Contact: Anne Sherston 03-6229 8739

projectracheltas@smartchat.net.au

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Lafayette, Louisiana

Contact: Karol D. Meynard 337-261-5607 karol@dol-louisiana.org

Contact: Trista M. Littell 337-261-5607 trystal@dol-louisiana.org

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Las Vegas, Nevada

Contact: Kathleen Miller 702-737-1672 katm419@aol.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat and Catholic

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Las Vegas (Español), Nevada

Contact: Maria Vasquez 702-283-8379 shalom_m@msn.com

Note: Español

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Longbranch, Washington

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

Contact: (Español) 206-450-7814

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- North Battleford, Saskatchewan Canada

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

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Contact: Fr. Larry 262-567-6900 frlarry@aol.com

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- 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

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- Traverse City, Michigan

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

Website: www.rachelsvineyardnorthtc.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreats

April 1 - April 3, 2011 -- York County, Pennsylvania

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

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Fairfield County, Connecticut

Local Host: Diocese of Bridgeport

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

Website: www.rachelsvineyardbpt.com

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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

Contact: Hartford Pregnancy Help Center 262-673-3733

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Knoxville, Tennessee

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

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Los Angeles, California

Local Host: Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles

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

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Northwest Indiana, Indiana

Local Host: Angela House

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

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Orange County, California

Local Host: California Pro Sanctity Center

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

Retreat Location: California Pro Sanctity Center

Website: www.abortionhelprachelsvineyardoc-ca.com

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Ottawa, Ontario Canada

Contact: Terry or Lynda Munroe 613-806-5522 rvr_ottawa@yahoo.ca

Website: www.newwine.ca

Note: Interdenom, English

April 8 - April 10, 2011 -- Spokane, Washington

Contact: Julie Olsen 509-994-4355 spokanerv@gmail.com

April 15 - April 17, 2011 -- Fort Worth, Texas

Contact: Betsy Kopor 817-923-4757 forgiven@racheltx.org

Contact: Macaria (espanol) 817-886-4760 misericordia@racheltx.org

Website: www.racheltx.org

April 15 - April 17, 2011 -- 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

April 15 - April 17, 2011 -- Vladivostok, Russia

Contact: Natalia Anisimova vinogradnik.vl@rambler.ru

Retreat Location: St. Joseph's Parish

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Albany Area, New York

Local Host: Diocese of Albany

Contact: Mrs. Pat Mousaw 518-222-1160

rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Arlington, Virginia

Contact: Project Rachel 703-841-2504

projectrachel@arlingtondiocese.org

Contact: Project Rachel 888-456-HOPE

Note: English and Español Retreats offered

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Baltimore, Maryland

Contact: Denise Douglas 410-625-8491 projectrachel@archbalt.org

Contact: Deacon Frank Zeiler 410-299-9597

Website: www.project-rachel.net

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- DC Metro Area, Maryland

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

Contact: Deborah Penzak (English) 240-423-6083

dpenzak@hotmail.com

Note: Español and English retreats offered

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

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

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Linden, New Jersey

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

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

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Metuchen (Español), New Jersey

Local Host: Diocese of Metuchen

Contact: Carmen 908-303-8150

Note: (Español)

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Omaha/Lincoln, Nebraska

Contact: Heather helpingrachel@yahoo.com

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Paterson/Morris County, New Jersey

Local Host: Paterson Diocese

Contact: Marie Ryan 973-777-8818 x264 rachel@patersondiocese.org

Retreat Location: Morris County

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Pittsburgh (Western PA), Pennsylvania

Contact: Abigayle Koller 412-977-9521

rachelsvineyard.westernpa@yahoo.com

Note: Interdenominational Retreat

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Portland, Maine

Contact: Sandra Thompson 207-871-7464 x2670 psm@ccmaine.org

Contact: Annette 207-871-7464 x2671

Contact: Toll-free in Maine only 800-781-8550 x2670

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Steubenville, Ohio

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April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Tampa, Florida

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Retreat Location: Bethany Retreat Center, Lutz, FL

April 29 - May 1, 2011 -- Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Mary Lee 918-508-7142 mlingram@catholiccharitiestulsa.org

May 5 - May 7, 2011 -- Katy, Texas

Local Host: Pregnancy Center of West Houston

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Note: Interdenominational Retreat

May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Bend, Oregon

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Cork City, Ireland

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Granbury, Texas

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Note: Anglican

May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Minneapolis/St. Paul (Interdenominational), Minnesota

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Note: Interdenominational Retreat

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Mobile, Alabama

Local Host: Respect Life Archdiocese of Mobile

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Stanwood, Washington

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Taipei, Taiwan

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May 13 - May 15, 2011 -- Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada

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Note: Interdenominational

May 20 - May 22, 2011 -- Belfast, Northern Ireland

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May 20 - May 22, 2011 -- Honolulu, Hawaii

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May 20 - May 22, 2011 -- Los Angeles (Español), California

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Note: Español

May 20 - May 22, 2011 -- Orlando/Central Florida, Florida

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Retreat Location: San Pedro Center

Website: www.sanpedrocenter.org

May 20 - May 22, 2011 -- Santa Rosa/St. Helena, California

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May 27 - May 29, 2011 -- Baltimore County (Interdenom), Maryland

Contact: Pam Bell 410-977-2571 retreats@serenitypcc.com

Website: www.serenitypcc.com

Note: Interdenominational

May 27 - May 29, 2011 -- Northern New York, New York

Local Host: Respect Life Office

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

Retreat Location: Guggenheim Center Lodge - Saranac Lake

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

Registration fee of \$100 includes lodging for two nights, meals and materials. Financial assistance available. Registration forms available at www.dioogdensburg.org/pro-life. Space is limited.

May 27 - May 29, 2011 -- Perth, Western Australia Australia

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