

# *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 abortion providers. Our retreats are held in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries is a resource for clinical training, education, and healing models.*

*Rachel's Vineyard is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. All contributions are tax deductible. We work in partnership 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 help line 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.*

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"Jesus said to me; 'How many times would you have abandoned Me, my son, if I had not crucified you. Beneath the cross, one learns love, and I do not give this to everyone, but only to those souls who are dearest to Me.'" ~ St. Padre Pio

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### Healing the Many Wounds; A Personal Testimony

By Patricia Sandoval

My name is Patricia. I am a princess of the king, the daughter of the Most High. Today, I'm a happy, faith-filled, 30-year-old woman. But my life wasn't always this way. Through a series of heartaches, deception, disappointments, losses and bad choices I fell to the lowest and most desperate state a soul could reach.

*To read the rest of Patricia's story please [click here](#). \*Disclaimer: some parts of this touching story are graphic and detailed.*

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### Vineyard Spotlight: Dr. Cindy Dillard

Dr. Cindy Dillard is a licensed psychologist and recently presented on a number of topics at our 2011 Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference. Dr. Dillard is a new member of the Rachel's Vineyard Medical Advisory Board. All of her workshops received outstanding reviews. Dr. Dillard's workshops were so excellent that we wanted to highlight some of the points in an interview with her for those who could not attend the conference.

**For each of the following talks that you gave, what key themes did you really want to address? What were you hoping attendants would take away?**

**Team Dynamics:** *It is important to realize that all RV teams will periodically struggle with interpersonal issues. Secondly, how we deal with them, as a team and as an individual, has tremendous bearing on the functioning of a team. In my talk, I speak to the key components that impact team behavior. Internal factors include leadership style, membership qualities, length of time the team has been in existence etc. Of course there are also external influences that are also very important to team experience such as regional, community, and diocesan support (to name a few). Lastly, I really wanted workshop participants to realize that the very skills they use to cope with personal interpersonal issues to consciously be applied to RV issues. In fact, the tools of our Christian faith are our most effective means to handle team problems. The essential question is not "will my RV team have interpersonal struggles?" but rather "how can I and my other team members deal with internal conflict when it arises?". The take away, if you will, is for participants to feel more comfortable with the topic of team difficulties and also have a sense of how to identify where a team might be struggling. In future leadership conferences, it would be exciting to address conflict resolution in RV teams.*

**How to Develop Listening Skills:** *Essentially most folks who are drawn to working within a core RV team, feel they have good listening skills. Although this may be true, all people need to actively work at becoming better listeners. It is not an automatic skill set and requires periodic training and evaluation. This workshop takes a look at those behaviors that are congruent with being an effective listener. Even therapists, who are trained listeners, can struggle in this area. Listening is an active experience and too often it becomes a passive process and therefore does not produce the effect of active healing. This workshop was geared towards both junior and senior "listeners" and my hope is that every participant took away at least one concrete tool to increase listening efficacy.*

**Ins and Outs of Intake:** *I really enjoyed this workshop as I had a chance to have some fun with the often dry material involved in a workshop on intake. RV intake, though similar in some ways to generic intake endeavors, also includes some unique aspects. Many aspects of intake are covered in this workshop including the concept of "intake valence". This involves the idea of having a certain intake approach that is rooted primarily in one's personality and skill set. Being able to identify and improve upon one's intake valence is important and can lead to improved selection of retreatants as well as more successful retreats. In truth, intake is like the first date: first impressions are powerful and are essentially a "make or break" endeavor. The logistics of intake are also discussed in this workshop and ideas offered for improved intake procedures.*

**What do you find to be the most effective public speaking tools?**

*I never have considered myself a good public speaker. I have performance anxiety, much like actors do, and I have to overcome it by simply functioning in spite of it. When folks tell me that I am a good trainer, I chuckle inside as they don't realize how really shy I am at the core. Because of my own uneasiness, I often use humor to both relax myself and the audience. It is something I have always done and it was not*

*always appreciated in graduate school! I also like to shake up the audience a bit, with unexpected material, so as to keep them awake and engaged. Making contact with your audience is really important. Why communicate if no one is listening? Everyone needs to be recognized and appreciated and participants at a workshop are no different. People want to become part of the training experience rather than passive recipients at a dry, info-intensive lecture. So, I try to engage the audience and bring them into the experience and I'll basically do whatever I have to in order for that to happen. I pace, I change the inflection of my voice, I modulate volume and I use humor. Lastly, I just really enjoy seeing folks happy and involved with the topic at hand, so I tend to throw in some level of entertainment into the workshops.*

### **How did you experience the Conference this year?**

*I thought the conference was simply amazing. The speakers were all excellent and knowledgeable and the participants were so lively and interesting. Since I gave three workshops, I did not have the time to attend as many of the workshops as I would have liked but that is why the CDs are such a wonderful resource. I do think we will have to seek a larger venue next time as we were turning away folks due to limited seating. What a blessing that our ministry is so expansive and continues to grow!*

### **What would you say was the most helpful about it for all participants?**

*I guess I would have to say it is the opportunity for those in the ministry to come together and share with their peers. It is easy to sometimes feel a bit isolated or alone in post-abortive healing work. Even senior RV teams can feel isolated and neglected by their surrounding communities. As "laborers in the vineyard" it is critical for us to periodically come together under one roof for continued education, companionship, and celebration.*

\*To order Dr. Cindy Dillard's talks or any other talks from the 2011 Leadership Conference on CD [click here](#).

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"The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others" ~ St. John Chrysostom

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## **A Note from the Pastoral Director**

Dear Friends,

I write to you today from Rome, just to say two things.

First, I am praying for you, here by the tomb of St Peter and amidst all the reminders of the power of the Word of God, which is at the root of the power of Rachel's Vineyard.

Second, I am bragging about you! As I meet with Cardinals, and with other leaders from around the world, it is always an honor for me to speak about the heroic, sustained work you are all doing in the Vineyard, and the countless fruits it continues to bear. More than one of the Vatican officials I have spoken to in these days has reminded me that every good work of God is persecuted, sometimes from even within the Church. So in the measure that we have encountered difficulty and rejection, let us rejoice that we are on the side of the saints and the side of God!

Blessings to all as you heal and give healing!

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

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## 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 hurting after 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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## First Hand Healing

By Kathleen Corrigan

Have you ever started a new job, knowing about the work your organization does but not quite understanding it as much as you'd like, as they are preparing for the biggest international event of the year? This is the exact situation I walked into when I stepped into the door of the Rachel's Vineyard International Headquarter office on my first day back in June. The office team was in the midst of planning the 2011 International Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference. Talk about baptism by fire.

During the first few weeks in the office, I struggled to really feel invested in many of the projects I had to do. I often felt like I was working for the ministry, but not yet a *part* of it, as I was unfamiliar with the many people involved and the very work Rachel's Vineyard does. I knew we ran healing retreats for post-abortive men and

women, but I had no idea how that retreat took place, what it looked like, what the healing looked like, what the participants looked like. Not being able to connect to the work of your organization makes it hard to connect to your everyday work. That all changed when I was able to attend my own Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend.

You can hear all about the RV retreat weekend, know all the people involved in the ministry, how to do any project that comes to you in the office, but you cannot completely invest yourself into this ministry until you experience the very mission of Rachel's Vineyard at work in your own life, as well as the lives of others hurting from abortion.

There was this incredible sense of love in the air as soon as I arrived at the retreat house. The team, along with countless other volunteers, worked so hard to make each retreatant feel catered to and helped them to know that they are cared for and loved. I was in constant awe of the team's selfless love all weekend, as it so visibly helped people who have been hurting for years regain a sense of dignity and self-worth.

Though I was in a sense "required" to attend the retreat as a Rachel's Vineyard employee, I thank God for the blessing to have been given such an opportunity. Though I myself have not suffered the pain of abortion in my personal life, I still had a particular pain to bring to the weekend and grieve. I was, at first, unsure of how the weekend would apply to me and my particular pain, but I found myself able to connect to the exercises and the pain other retreatants were experiencing from the start.

The depth of healing that was experienced on my retreat weekend was incredible. People looked physically different leaving on Sunday than they did walking in on Friday evening. People were freed and hearts were healed from the pain of abortion. I commend all of those who attended for the intense spiritual and emotional labor that they endured. Never did I think a weekend could be so painful but so liberating at the same time.

After experiencing first-hand the incredible healing power of God that is manifested through the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, I can say that I find my new job more meaningful than ever. Though I may be in the office doing everyday tasks on the computer or answering the phones, I can appreciate how the little things that I do make a difference in this ministry, which makes such a life-giving difference in the lives of so many others. I feel blessed to be able to go to work every day knowing that what I do serves a greater good—"healing the pain of abortion, one weekend at a time."

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## Fetal Reduction: The Garden of Eden Re-Visited

By: Kevin Burke, LSW

*As Jenny lay on the obstetrician's examination table...She didn't want to see the two shadows floating inside her... we created this child in such an artificial manner — in a test tube, choosing an egg donor, having the embryo placed in me — and somehow, making a decision about how many to carry seemed to be just another choice. "The*

*pregnancy was all so consumerish to begin with, and this became yet another thing we could control."*

-New York Times **The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy**, Ruth Padawer, August 10, 2011

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made...<sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil... she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked. (Genesis 3)*

The sophisticated technology and complex moral dilemmas that parents like Jenny face are seemingly light years away from the dawn of human history and the great temptation of the serpent in Genesis. But as the reproductive drama unfolds as Jenny describes in the New York Times article on the pregnancy *reduction* of twins, the temptation faced by our first parents has never been more diabolically clear and powerful.

Women and men who struggle to conceive a child enter the medical system to achieve a beautiful good...the conception of a child. This mother likely did not begin her fertility treatments imagining that she would be in a procedure room presiding over the lethal injection of one of her healthy twin children. However like in the Garden of Genesis, those who offer this technology and counsel their patients take them down a slippery slope that leads to that shiny deceptive fruit : *God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

Couples now possess the power over life and death with decisions made in an atmosphere of moral relativism. When the fertility treatments produce multiple conceptions, parents are unprepared to face the reality of parenting a number of babies. The serpent is standing by waiting to offer the alluring apple of "selective reduction." Parents, who began the medical journey with the goal of creating life, now become judge and jury sentencing some of their unfortunate children to death in the womb:

***Consider the choice of which fetus to eliminate: if both appear healthy (which is typical with twins), doctors aim for whichever one is easier to reach. If both are equally accessible, the decision of who lives and who dies is random. To the relief of patients, it's the doctor who chooses — with one exception. If the fetuses are different sexes, some doctors ask the parents which one they want to keep. - NY Times The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy, Ruth Padawer, August 10, 2011***

### **Silencing a Father's Heart**

Couples who end up playing God with the lives of their unborn children not only violate the moral law; they also violate something fundamental to their identity as parents...the protection of their offspring. I have discovered in our work with healing after abortions that men, in particular, suffer very profound grief, depression and anxiety when they participate in reduction decisions and procedures. They may try and distance themselves from the horror to escape the consequences of silencing the

natural desire to protect their unborn child:

*One of Stone's patients, a New York woman, was certain that she wanted to reduce from twins to a singleton. Her husband yielded because she would be the one carrying the pregnancy and would stay at home to raise them. They came up with a compromise. "I asked not to see any of the ultrasounds," he said. "I didn't want to have that image, the image of two. I didn't want to torture myself. And I didn't go in for the procedure either, because less is more for me." His wife was relieved that her husband remained in the waiting room; she, too, didn't want to deal with his feelings. - NY Times The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy, Ruth Padawer, August 10, 2011*

To embrace the lie, this husband must shut his eyes (and father's heart) to this child. He tragically believes that he can silence the cries of his father's heart which pleads with him to protect this child. Sadly, he believes he can protect himself from the impact of the horror of this *procedure* as long as he avoids witnessing the *reduction* of the pregnancy.

My experience counseling men after abortion leads me to believe that this father's *torture* is only beginning. His wife exclaims, *she was relieved that her husband remained in the waiting room; she, too, didn't want to deal with his feelings.* Most couples assume that these feelings will simply vanish and there will be no lingering consequences in their marriage. This is pure fantasy and wishful expectation.

The New York Times article clearly reveals that fetal reduction requires both the soothing counsel of the medical profession to persuade the couple that this is a legitimate and even beneficial course of action (which the article reveals is highly contested even among pro abortion OG/GYN's) and the rationalizations that tempt all of us at times crisis, stress and moral confusion. These justifications serve to drown out the quiet gentle voice in a mother or father's heart that was created to love each child conceived. The New York Times piece reflects the strong need to justify and defend the decision to reduce pregnancies:

*I was eight weeks pregnant when my husband and I, with our 2-year-old daughter in tow, visited friends who had recently had twins. Our friends, two of the most laid-back parents we knew, looked exhausted, beaten, overrun. Between their infants and their 3-year-old, it seemed someone was always hungry, howling or filling a diaper. The second my husband and I stepped into our car to drive home, we said in unintentional unison, "Thank God we're not having twins." NY Times The Two-Minus-One Pregnancy, Ruth Padawer, August 10, 2011*

This couple must focus on the very real challenges of their friends raising twins to assuage their guilt and grief at the death of their daughter's sibling. But let's look into the future of this couple and their friends raising twins.

### **A Gift is Missing under the Christmas Tree**

Imagine a future Christmas Eve visit between these families. Their friends have negotiated that challenging period of infancy and toddlerhood and hopefully (as many parents do) grown in their capacity to sacrifice and have matured with the demands of parenting. They now have two healthy, happy seven year old twins and another sibling

age 10. The children admire the Christmas tree and are filled with that joyful anticipation that holiday brings.

Many who have lost children to abortion describe Christmas as a time when they struggle to suppress a nagging sense that someone is missing from the family celebrations, someone who would no longer be a crying baby but a unique blessing that would share in the joy of that Christmas celebration with his or her siblings and friends. I wonder if these parents will allow themselves to experience that pain, guilt and grief and find reconciliation and the healing of this family loss...or will the pain turn to depression, resentment, anger? For many such feelings may find expression, or more likely repression in addictions, dysfunctional or unstable relationship patterns, or extra marital affairs to escape this unspeakable loss.

Let's look even further into the possible future of this couple. How will they look into the eyes of their adult child and confirm for them what may have been a mysterious and aching sense of loss the child may feel all their lives...that a very intimate partner in the womb was chosen to die, while they were saved from the death sentence. This will surely present its own emotional and relational dilemmas.

### **The Serpent's Strategy**

The Serpent in Genesis did not reveal to our first parents the consequences of eating the fruit of the forbidden tree of the Garden. He knew that his greatest advantage was to manipulate and tempt them at a time of vulnerability with the promise of the power to be the God of their own universe. Cunningly, the evil one does not let them see the consequences of their "choice"...death in all its tragic manifestations throughout human history when we reject God's necessary dominion over life. The serpent uses the same strategy with parents today when facing the slippery moral slope of fertility treatment and "fetal reduction."

As a Licensed Social Worker and post abortion counselor I have observed how these unresolved issues of complicated grief and loss do manifest themselves years, even decades after the reductions procedures, and often eat away at the heart of marriage...intimacy, communication and trust. At the core of these *post abortive relationships* lies a wounded parental heart that was created to love the child that was conceived and nurtured in the womb. Yet because the parent participates in that child's death in such a direct and arbitrary way, they will be profoundly hurt by this action.

As the personal rationalizations and the seemingly wise counsel of the medical professionals fade over the years, a nagging sense of loss, depression and anxiety may reveal a deeper need to tend to the feelings that lie buried beneath the illusion that we can assume the power of God over life and death, and not suffer the same fate as Adam and Eve.

If we do not open up this festering wound to God's light and healing, hearts and relationships will suffer the lingering aftershocks of that silent death. Unlike the Father of Lies, our heavenly Father and Creator does not abandon us after we eat the forbidden fruit. He is such a generous and merciful Father, that he will even use these losses and sin (which are never his will for us) to draw us closer to him, and bless our lives and families with healing. After healing, some will be called to be a witness to

other couples who are tempted during fertility treatments, to help them to choose life.

Kevin Burke, LSW is a Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life and Co-Founder of Rachel's Vineyard an international ministry providing weekend healing retreat for healing after abortion [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) He is the co author of [Redeeming a Father's Heart](#) and [Sharing the Heart of Christ](#)

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## Spanish Version of "Forbidden Grief" Now Available!

The Spanish version of "Forbidden Grief" By Dr. Theresa Burke and David Reardon is now available! Please [click here](#) for more information or to order!

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"Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you." ~ St. Jerome

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## Rachel's Vineyard Recommends

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Getaway Weekend: April 20-22, 2012  
*Mariwald Renewal Center; Reading, PA*  
<http://www.mariwaldrenewal.com/>

For all who labor in the Vineyard. All team members welcome!

**~Rejoice~Refresh~Renew~Relax~Recharge~Reinvent~Reconnect~**

Come away and rest a while: that is the focus of this weekend. No heavy schedules--a time to rest, reflect, and be with others who share our passion and work in Rachel's Vineyard.

Our goal is to do basic preparation for a nurturing weekend. We all do a little bit and serve each other. The facility is small and intimate and we will have the entire place.

We are a work in progress and are open to your suggestions.  
There is a limit of **48 participants** so register early!!

For more information, please contact Joy Crimmins: 717-788-4959  
[RVpamd@gmail.com](mailto:RVpamd@gmail.com)

## Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy Retreat

"Rachel's Vineyard Aftercare Retreat," introducing the call to holiness and the spirituality of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy:

Date: October 21-23

Place: Casa Maria Convent and Retreat House (Sisters Servants of the Eternal Word), in Birmingham, Alabama.

Cost: \$135 per person or \$270 per couple

The retreat house has room for 33 retreatants, and reservations can be made by calling:

Sister Louise Marie at (205) 956-6760.

## The Catholic View for Women DVD

Don't miss the 6 episode pilot season DVD of *The Catholic View for Women* now available! [Click here](#) to order or visit [www.thecatholicviewforwomen.com](http://www.thecatholicviewforwomen.com) for more information about the show.

## 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)

Check out our new Youtube videos!: [www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)

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"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise." ~ Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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## United in Prayer

*We pray for the following intentions:*

Please keep **Joe Geiger** of the **Richmond, VA** site in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. Joe is in the ICU as he fell recently and broke his hip and his scapula. He had surgery for a hip replacement. We pray the Joe and his wife Kay Marie may feel Christ's comforting love at this time.

For **Mary Anne McNeil** of the **Atlanta, GA** site who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. We pray for peace and healing during this difficult time.

*We pray in thanksgiving for:*

New site leader **Valerie Uriegas** in **Corpus Christi, TX**. Please keep Valerie and team in your prayers as they labor in Rachel's Vineyard.

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## Other Conferences/Events of Interest

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### **Priests for Life's 20th Anniversary Celebration**

**October 5, 2011 6:00pm**

**San Francisco, CA Cathedral**

Info: As many of you know, Priests for Life began in San Francisco. This mass, followed by an informal reception in the Cathedral facilities, is a special moment in our anniversary year! RSVP to: [Anniversary@priestsforlife.org](mailto:Anniversary@priestsforlife.org) or [click here](#) for more info!

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## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

### **Trenton, NJ**

Contact: Judy Warenkiewicz 732-536-6871 [judywarren543@msn.com](mailto:judywarren543@msn.com)

**Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **San Francisco Bay Area, CA**

Retreat Location: Menlo Park

Local Host: First Resort

Contact: Christine Watkins 415-260-4406 [christinew@firstresort.net](mailto:christinew@firstresort.net)

**Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Joliet / Romeoville, IL**

Local Host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office

Contact: Kay 866-994-GIVE [corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Hildesheim, Hildesheim**

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**Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Savannah, GA**

Local Host: Family Life Office-Diocese of Savannah

Website Address: [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org)

Contact: Stephanie May 912-201-4059 [scmay@diosav.org](mailto:scmay@diosav.org)

**Friday, September 09, 2011- Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **San Bernardino, CA**

Retreat Location: Duarte, CA

Local Host: Pro Life Catholic Ministries

Contact: Blanca Leal-McGuthrie (Español) 909-238-4037

[markblanca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:markblanca@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Language: English Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Hobart, TAS**

Contact: Anne Sherston 03-6229 8739 [projectracheltas@smartchat.net.au](mailto:projectracheltas@smartchat.net.au)

**Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

Language: Spanish

**Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

Language: Spanish

**Friday, October 28, 2011 - Sunday, October 30, 2011**

### **Menlo Park, CA**

Local Host: First Resort

Contact: Christine 415-260-4406 [christine4faith@gmail.com](mailto:christine4faith@gmail.com)

**Interdenom Friday, September 09, 2011 - Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Lancaster, KY**

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Lexington

Contact: Sharla Wells 877-792-3330 [sharlaky@yahoo.com](mailto:sharlaky@yahoo.com)

Contact: Sharla Wells 859-792-3333

**Friday, September 09, 2011- Sunday, September 11, 2011**

### **Brisbane, QLD**

Contact: Gwen 0407 175 508 [wellspringministries@tpg.com.au](mailto:wellspringministries@tpg.com.au)

Contact: Lisa 0410 122 481 [rvqld@live.com.au](mailto:rvqld@live.com.au)

**Friday, September 16, 2011 - Sunday, September 18, 2011**

### **Perth, WAA**

Contact: Jenny Shier [rachelsvineyardwa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardwa@gmail.com)

**Friday, September 16, 2011 - Sunday, September 18, 2011**

### **Linden, NJ**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

Contact: Michelle Krystofik 732-388-8211 [arnewrespect@sjanj.net](mailto:arnewrespect@sjanj.net)

**Friday, September 16, 2011- Sunday, September 18, 2011**

### **Janesville, WI**

Retreat Location: Conference Point Center in Williams Bay

Local Host: Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville

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### **Rio Grande City, TX**

Local Host: Benedictine Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
Contact: Phyllis Young 956-541-2720 [young.phil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:young.phil@sbcglobal.net)  
**Friday, September 16, 2011 - Sunday, September 18, 2011**

### **Tucson, AZ**

Local Host: Reachout Crisis Pregnancy Center  
Contact: Lois or Angela 520-743-6777 [reachout4life@q.com](mailto:reachout4life@q.com)  
Contact: Theresa 520-321-4300 [reachout4life@q.com](mailto:reachout4life@q.com)  
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### **Belfast, UL**

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Contact: Marian 02890-799967 [marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk)  
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### **Cork City, CC**

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### **Fairfield County, CT**

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### **Kelowna, BC**

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### **Portland, OR**

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**Baltimore, MD**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Baltimore

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**Friday, September 23, 2011 - Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**Richmond, VA**

Retreat Location: Benedictine Abbey Retreat Center

Local Host: Post Abortion Healing Ministry, Epiphany Catholic Church

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**Friday, September 23, 2011 - Sunday, September 25, 2011**

**Fort Worth, TX**

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**Spanish Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Spokane, WA**

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**Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Leeds, WY**

Retreat Location: Ilkley area of West Yorkshire

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**Friday, September 30, 2011- Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Hays, KS**

Retreat Location: Heartland Center for Spirituality

Local Host: Dodge City Diocese in conjunction with the Salina Diocese

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**Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Fresno, CA**

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Language: English

**Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Miami, FL**

Local Host: St. Kevin Catholic Church

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**Friday, September 30, 2011 - Sunday, October 02, 2011**

**Monroe, WA**

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**Philadelphia Area, PA**

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Cache Creek, BC**

Local Host: Kamloops Diocese

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**Wednesday, October 05, 2011 - Friday, October 07, 2011**

**Dallas, TX**

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Santa Rosa/St. Helena, CA**

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**Language: Spanish**

**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Farmington, CT**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Rockford, IL**

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

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Pittsburgh (Western PA), PA**

Local Host: Hosanna Church

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Long Island/Brentwood, NY**

Retreat Location: Huntington

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**Friday, October 07, 2011 - Sunday, October 09, 2011**

**Providence, RI**

Local Host: Life & Family Ministry, Diocese of Providence

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x118 [rachelsvineyard@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@dioceseofprovidence.org)

**Friday, October 14, 2011 - Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**Longbranch, WA**

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**Language: English**

**Friday, October 14, 2011 - Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**Hankinson, ND**

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

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**Friday, October 14, 2011 - Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**North Battleford, SK**

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**Friday, October 14, 2011 - Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**Stevens Point, WI**

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**Corpus Christi, TX**

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**Friday, October 21, 2011 - Sunday, October 23, 2011**

**Katy, TX**

Local Host: Pregnancy Center of West Houston

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**Honolulu, HI**

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**Fairfield County (Spanish), CT**

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**Great Falls/Helena, MT**

Local Host: CSSMT - Rachel's Hope

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**Los Angeles, CA**

Local Host: Rachel's Vineyard Los Angeles

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**Asheville, NC**

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#### **Northwest Indiana, IN**

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#### **Denver, CO**

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#### **Savannah, GA**

Retreat Location: Family Life Office, Catholic Pastoral Center  
Local Host: Family Life Office-Diocese of Savannah  
Website Address: [www.diosav.org](http://www.diosav.org) Contact: Stephanie May 912-201-4059  
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#### **Knoxville, TN**

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#### **Singapore, Singapore**

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#### **Calgary, AB**

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#### **Chandler (Interdenom), AZ**

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#### **Steubenville, OH**

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#### **Minneapolis/St. Paul (Interdenominational), MN**

Retreat Location:

Oak Forest Retreat Center, Frederic WI (1.5 hr NE of Mpls airport)  
Local Host: Oak Forest Retreat Center  
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### **San Bernardino, CA**

Retreat Location: Duarte, CA  
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### **Peoria, IL**

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### **Richardton, ND**

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### **Winston-Salem, NC**

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### **Grand Rapids, MI**

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