

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 and through our 24/7 help line 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

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Emotional Quicksand: The Hidden Pain of Men

By Kevin Burke, LSW

Michael Addis, Ph.D., writing in the December online issue of [Atlantic magazine](#) reveals a life threatening problem for men. You are probably thinking... prostate cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes? These are all serious health concerns and while there is still much more to do, we have seen an increase in education and awareness.

But Dr. Addis writes of a different kind of disease that can strike men. This sickness lies deep in the recesses of the male psyche that features a *self inflicted shame-based silence*. This silence leaves men isolated and vulnerable to choosing death rather than revealing their secret areas of pain to a family member, colleague or friend.

Cut out the BS!

Dr Addis was working in an inpatient psychiatric unit when he interviewed Patrick, a handsome successful looking man with no previous mental health history. He was surprised to read in his chart that Patrick's son recently discovered his father sitting on a coach in his family room with a loaded gun to his head. Initially the interview skated along on a superficial level revealing little of what led Patrick to such an obvious act of despair. Fortunately Dr Addis offered some effective tough love rather than just go through the motions of the interview..."Can we be straight with each other and cut out the BS?"

Patrick revealed a series of business failures that led to an increasing disparity between his wealthy lifestyle and the reality of his financial situation which over time made it impossible to pay the mortgage for his big fancy house. Patrick's depression increased as he kept his family and friends under the illusion that he and his business were just fine...all the time his economic and emotional prospects were in free-fall.

Dr Addis reveals:

He couldn't face working, but he also couldn't face telling people how bad things had

gotten. Instead, he got up each morning, dressed as if he was going to work, forced a smile for his family, and either drove around the city or sat at a local coffee shop all day reading the newspaper. Eventually the depression became so overwhelming that he saw no other way out. [The Atlantic.com, Invisible Men, page 3](#)

A Sniveling Little Boy

Why didn't he share his financial difficulties and pain with friends or family?

I should have been able to handle it...I fell apart and turned into a sniveling little boy... 'Oh Mommy, please help me?' I couldn't let people see me like that. (Invisible Men pg 4)

A Newsweek feature on male depression had this to add:

...even when they realize they have a problem, men often view asking for help as an admission of weakness - a betrayal of their male identities.... [Newsweek-Feb 26 2007 Issue: Men and Depression](#)

Clearly many men have a lot of their self esteem and identity wrapped around their professional/business life. Men learn from the schoolyard to the boardroom that revealing vulnerability and an inability to handle emotional or physical pain is a big mistake that will lead to ridicule and shame.

Being strong and working hard to provide for one's family is an important and honorable part of male identity. However sometimes men need to share the burden of raising their families with spouse, family and friends. This idea of the solitary male hero is an entertaining and sometimes inspiring image in an adventure movie...but it is far removed from the real world and the difficulty negotiating the personal and business challenges of modern life.

Men and Abortion-Emotional Quicksand

But financial challenges are not the only emotional quicksand that can entrap men. I have found in my experience as a clinical social worker that a man's experience of abortion can also leave him emotionally reeling without the support and information he needs to negotiate this life changing experience. Given the current abortion statistics (50 million since 1973) millions of men have been involved in some way in an abortion decision and procedure.

Regardless of one's moral and political position on abortion, the reality is that many men experience their participation in abortion as a confusing and highly stressful experience. For those men who have ambivalence and especially those that do not support the abortion and are powerless to stop it, the [*aftermath can be especially devastating*](#).

Jason Baier writes in [Redeeming a Father's Heart](#) of his experience after being powerless to stop his partner's abortion:

*I...would often break down and cry from depression...I was angry all the time...stricken with panic attacks...**No one seemed to understand or know how to deal with my***

loss. ([Redeeming a Father's Heart](#), Pg 33)

Jason, like Patrick isolated and despairing, decided to take a bottle of prescribed sleeping pills and "never wake up." Fortunately he experienced a moment of spiritual grace that held back his hand and released a deep seismic explosion of fatherly grief from the loss of his child. Strengthened by this outpouring of grief, he read Dr. Catherine Coyle's [Men and Abortion: A Path to Healing](#), and was now on the road to real healing and recovery. Jason now serves as President of the [Fatherhood Forever Foundation](#) and is a member of the [Men and Abortion Network](#) both offering excellent education and healing resources for men suffering after abortion.

Breaking the Deadly Silence

Dr Addis broke through the deadly superficiality and the isolating silence that nearly killed his patient Patrick. Men who have suffered the loss of a child by participating in an abortion need to a safe place of trust and acceptance *but also one of truth* where they can freely share their experience of abortion and find healing. As Patrick learned, men need the support and connection with others in sharing their struggles and pain. Men suffering after abortion and other areas of grief and loss learn that in sharing their weakness and getting help when suffering, they become stronger and better men and fathers. This is male strength rooted in humility and community. Men learn the life saving message that we can't handle it all on our own, and reject the deadly isolation and the depression that takes root in loneliness and false pride.

For men like Patrick and Jason...it is truly a matter of life and death.

Rachel's Vineyard in Singapore

We recently got the chance to have a brief interview with Andrew Chew of the Rachel's Vineyard Singapore site to update us on the development and growth of the site.

How did you first hear about Rachel's Vineyard and how did you get involved with the Singapore retreat site?

I first became aware of Rachel's Vineyard in early 2010 when I reached the end of a book I had been reading about post-abortion trauma and healing ("A Solitary Sorrow" by Teri and Dr Paul Reisser). Rachel's Vineyard was listed as one of the post-abortion aftercare resources available to people who had had an abortion experience. I was reading the book both as a post-abortive man and as a photographer doing research for a project I had in mind about abortion and the sanctity of life. It was some months after that first encounter that the name popped up again, this time during a conversation with a pro-life doctor in Singapore. The ministry had just started in Singapore, he said, and if I was interested, I could interview the site leader, Rose, for her story. A couple of weeks later, I was seated across from her, armed to the teeth with questions. But much to my surprise, I found myself sharing my story instead and being invited go on the October 2010 retreat weekend! I said yes immediately. It was on the Sunday afternoon at the end of my long, beautiful, exhausting, healing, and life-changing retreat when I volunteered to serve in Rachel's Vineyard and I've been helping

out since then.

Please describe your experiences on the retreats – and please include (any) cultural references.

I was the only guy on my own retreat and we haven't had another male retreatant since, though we are certainly praying for more. So I guess for me, the role I play as a man in serving the women who come on retreats would be the experience I feel most deeply. Being a thorn amongst roses can be tough, at least at first. The first meal we share together on Friday evening is always awkward. But I've always found that sometime during Saturday, when we have had the chance to share our stories; to share our brokenness, wounds, and losses as well as our healing and hope, something blessed happens. Trust, earned in the midst of tears and pain, is offered and received, and we then begin to share in the gift of God's love and healing, not as retreatant and team member or man and woman, but as brother and sister.

Just about the most heart-breaking and humbling thing I have ever experienced was when a retreatant said to me at the end of her retreat, "Thank you for showing me that not all men are crap." I've been trying to honor and live up to those words every day since.

Note: Singapore is a multi-ethnic society made up mainly of Chinese (the majority), Indians and Malays, and with a large expatriate population, but we don't have any uniquely culture-based experiences to share, at least not yet. I think it is a function of having only had 8 small retreats so far and the fact that most our retreatants have been mainly ethnic Chinese, middle-class Catholics.

Do you have any advice for other international retreat sites trying to get started up?

We've found that having the right people on team is probably the most important element in setting up and running a Rachel's Vineyard site. Though this may seem obvious, take as much time as you can possibly afford to really, really pray for the right people to form your team. Forming a team takes a tremendous amount of help from the Holy Spirit, as well as a great deal of wisdom and courage, and it's a process that shouldn't be rushed. It might be better to wait until the right individuals for the respective roles - site leader, therapist, priest, facilitator and so on - are found than to start a site prematurely.

Rachel's Vineyard Singapore will be having retreats on Monday to Wednesday, 16-18 April and Friday to Sunday, 20-22 April. For more information, please write to Rose Boon: roseboonms@gmail.com

Whitney Houston-In Memoriam

August 9, 1963 – February 11, 2012

We will miss this beautiful, talented mother who inspired us all with her music. Dr.

Theresa Burke mentions Whitney Houston in her presentation on post-abortive trauma and celebrities. Please see the lyrics below to a beautiful song about post-abortion pain by Whitney Houston:

How could I throw away a miracle?
How could I face another day?
It's all of my doing, I made a choice
And today, I pay
My heart is full of pain

How could you understand, the way I feel?
How could you relate to so much pain?
Seems as though nothing can comfort me
So today, I pray
That someone should listen, for...

Chorus:
Nothing should matter
Not when love grows inside you
The choice is yours
There's a miracle in store...
Nothing should matter
Not when love grows inside you
A voice of love is crying out
Don't throw love away
There's a miracle in store...

How could I let go of a miracle?
Nothing could ever take its place
Thought I was looking, out for myself
Now it seems the pain
Is all that I have gained
I wonder if I could be your miracle
I wonder if I could spare you pain
Seems as though nothing will comfort me
Lord, less today, I pray
That you should come listen

Chorus

Don't ever throw away your miracle
Don't let it slip away
Nothing should matter

Chorus

[Click here](#) to watch a special music video for this song.

A Note from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was one person after another who, as I greeted the crowds at the West Coast Walk for Life and again at the national March for Life in DC, thanked me for the work of Rachel's Vineyard and the impact it made on their lives. This was especially evident, of course, in the testimonies on both coasts of the men and women of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.

What a joy it was to see all this. At our National Memorial prayer service, which I lead each year on the morning of the March for Life, we also hit upon the theme of forgiveness and healing pretty strongly.

Then, on the night of the March for Life, Congressman Chris Smith hosted an hour of floor speeches by various members of Congress on pro-life themes, and again, the topic of healing featured prominently.

So thank you for being part of this great movement of grace!

Sincerely,

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

Year in Review

Each year we put out a separate special newsletter which highlights the growth of our healing ministry through pictures and articles about events and projects from the past year. [Click here](#) to read our Rachel's Vineyard 2011 Year in Review.

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." ~1 John 4:12

Aloha from Hawaii

By Lisa Shorba

Our RV team is doing very well, although we are going through a transition period, with Fr. Paul Zaccone, ss.cc. being reassigned to another position on the East Coast.... so, we need to find another priest to join our Rachel's Vineyard team and family. Fr. Paul's new assignment will be as a Vocations Director in Warhem, Massachusetts, and he left Hawaii on January 28th. Our Rachel's Vineyard family had a farewell party for him,

and also joined the Sacred Heart Fathers in their farewell celebration the following week. The Hawaiian people really know how to celebrate life!! Fr. Paul has been a tremendous asset to our team, providing wonderful support with compassion and humor when ministering to the participants. Our team has grown closer together in the past year, as has my personal friendship with Fr. Paul, and I am really going to miss him!! I truly believe it in my heart that the Lord has someone to take on that important role, and we will soon find out who he is. I will be meeting with Bishop Larry Silva next week for his assistance and support in either appointing a priest to Rachel's Vineyard in Hawaii or discussing other possibilities.

Since we started in September, 2009, with Dr. Theresa Burke leading our first retreat, we have already completed 5 weekend retreats and served 37 participants. The Lord is doing great things for us here in Hawaii, and I love being a part of this beautiful, healing work. I have met so many wonderful people, and now have many new friends. Our next retreat is scheduled for April 27-29, 2012, and I have already received phone calls and emails from six interested potential participants. I pray that they will have the courage to follow through in attending the weekend. So far, so good.

Mahalo (thank you) for your prayers for us, and may the Holy Spirit breathe new life into all who enter the vineyard!!! Much aloha (love) to our Rachel's Vineyard "ohana" (family) throughout the world, from all of us in Hawaii... Lisa, Fr. Paul, Sr. Geralyn, Bernie & Keith, Leslie, Nancy & Vic, Marie, Su, Teresa G., Lita, Candy, Cynthia & Teresa F.

[Click here](#) for a picture of some of the Hawaii team at our recent Leadership Conference with Dr. Burke!

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!

A Saint Valentine Appeal

Valentine's day is a time for love; Love for neighbors, friends, family and spouses. Many men and women struggle to love themselves after an abortion. You can help someone experience Christ's healing love this Valentine's Day by giving 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

By Phone: 610-354-0555

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

"We love because He first loved us." ~1 John 4:19

Rachel's Vineyard Recommends

New Research/Article on the Effects of Abortion on Mental Health

Check out this new article by Dr. Martha Shuping entitled "Wantedness & Coercion: Key Factors in Understanding Women's Mental Health After Abortion." Dr. Shuping has conducted more than 50 Rachel's Vineyard weekends since 1999, and has helped to train and establish Rachel's Vineyard teams at sites in the U.S, Europe and Asia. Dr. Shuping is a member of the Rachel's Vineyard medical advisory board. Please [click here](#) to view the article.

Thursday, February 16, 2012-Free Silent No More Event! Sponsored by the University of Baltimore Pro-Life Club

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Langsdale Library Auditorium

Denise Douglas of the Baltimore Rachel's Vineyard retreat site will be a featured speaker.

Please contact margzez@gmail.com for more information

Friday, March 09, 2012 -- Sunday, March 11, 2012 2012 Australian Conference for Rachel's Vineyard Ministries- Sydney, Australia

A conference supporting networking and development of those in Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries to people seeking spiritual healing from the grief and loss after an abortion.

Contact: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au for more information or visit
<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au/>

New Movie-*October Baby*

October Baby follows the story of Hannah, a 19-year old college freshman who learns that she is a adopted and is the survivor of a failed abortion attempt. This shocking revelation sets Hannah on a journey in search of her birth mother and answers to her hidden past. However, what she ultimately discovers is the power and healing nature of forgiveness. The film will be released into theaters nationwide on **Friday, March 23rd, 2012.**

Jon and Andrew Erwin, the producers of the film, have assigned 10 percent of all ticket sale profits to the *Every Life is Beautiful Fund*, which will be used to support frontline organizations helping women face crisis pregnancies, life-affirming adoption agencies and those caring for orphans. Visit www.octoberbabymovie.net for more information.

Rachel's Vineyard 2011 Leadership Conference CDs Now Available!

All of the talks from the 2011 Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference were recorded live by Vincent & Barbara Sumoski (Love Tape-CD Ministry) and are available on CD for purchase. There were 53 excellent talks. You can purchase CDs individually or buy the entire set. FREE SHIPPING & Conference SPECIALS! Contact rv@sumoski.com or 610-779-8989.

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

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."
~1 Corinthians 13:13

United in Prayer

We pray for the following intentions:

For **Anne Sherston** and her Rachel's Vineyard retreat team in **Australia** as they begin to form a retreat site to minister to those in Darwin where there is a large aboriginal community. We pray that the Holy Spirit open the hearts of the aboriginal people to

receive Christ's healing love and make a path for Anne and her team.

For **Donna Huttenlock's** father, **Thomas McCarty** who recently passed away. Donna helped many Rachel's Vineyard retreat sites get started over ten years ago. She served on the original Rachel's Vineyard team in **Philadelphia** for many years and then became a Rachel's Vineyard "missionary" training many new sites in North Dakota, Scranton, Minnesota and many other places. We pray for her family during this time of loss, may they be comforted by Christ's healing love.

For Rachel's Vineyard Founder, **Dr. Theresa Burke** who has been struggling with Reflexive Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD) since she broke her foot at the Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference in July. We pray for her complete recovery and remission from this illness.

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Lake Charles, LA

Local Host: Diocese of Lake Charles

Website Address: www.lcdioocese.org

Contact: Marjorie Long 337-439-7400 ext317 rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org

Friday, February 03, 2012 - Sunday, February 05, 2012

Charlotte, NC

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

Contact: Deacon Tom Rasmussen 828-495-7234 deacontom@centurylink.net

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

Friday, February 03, 2012 - Sunday, February 05, 2012

Katy (Interdenom), TX

Local Host: Pregnancy Center of West Houston

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

Thursday, February 09, 2012 - Saturday, February 11, 2012

Mobile, AL

Retreat Location: Visitation Monastery

Local Host: Respect Life Archdiocese of Mobile

Contact: Elizabeth Burgess 251-706-0579 PM rachelsvineyardmobile@gmail.com

Contact: Elizabeth Cornelson 251-434-1550 ext 18

Friday, February 10, 2012 - Sunday, February 12, 2012

Hudson, WI

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Friday, February 10, 2012 - Sunday, February 12, 2012

Phoenix (Español), AZ

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Contact: Josefina Mata 602-402-0867 josefina@canyonstatebox.com

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Contact: Rosie Villegas-Smith 602-234-2156 vocesporlavida@ymail.com

Language: Spanish

Friday, February 10, 2012 - Sunday, February 12, 2012

Hays, KS

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

Website Address: www.salinadiocese.org

Contact: Donetta Robben 877-447-4383 rvineyard@ruraltel.net

Contact: Hattie Stein 620-227-1584 hstein@dcdiocese.org

Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012

Location: Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life in Victoria, Kansas

Long Island/Huntington (Español), NY

Retreat Location: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

Contact: Donna Crean 631-258-5062 donnacrean@optonline.net

Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012

Long Island/Huntington, NY

Retreat Location: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

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

Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012

Tampa, FL

Retreat Location: Bethany Retreat Center, Lutz, FL

Contact: Emma Boe 813-924-4173 emmaboe@aol.com

Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012

Peoria, IL

Retreat Location: Nazareth House

Directions to Nazareth House can be found on their website: www.nazarethretreathouse.org/directions.html

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Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

Trenton, NJ

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Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

Fresno, CA

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Contact: Paula Davalos - Español 888-686-8537 paula.d@fbcares.org

Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

San Bernardino, CA

Retreat Location: Duarte, CA

Local Host: Pro Life Catholic Ministries

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

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Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

Palm Beach (Español), FL

Retreat Location: Duncan Conference Center

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Language: Spanish

Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

Dallas (Español), TX

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Language: Spanish

Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

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Friday, February 24, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012

Kansas City (Northland), MO

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Janesville, WI

Retreat Location: Conference Point Center in Williams Bay

Local Host: Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville

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

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

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

York County, PA

Retreat Location: Canna Valley Inn

Local Host: Diocese of Harrisburg

Website Address: www.cannainnbandb.com

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

Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Prescott Valley, AZ

Retreat Location: Mission Canyon

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Sacramento, CA

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Denver, CO

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Washington DC Metro Area, DC

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Kansas City, KS

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Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

DC Metro Area, MD

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

Friday, March 02, 2012 - Sunday, March 04, 2012

Lancaster, KY

Local Host: Catholic Diocese of Lexington

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Friday, March 09, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012

Linden, NJ

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

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Friday, March 09, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012

Savannah, GA

Retreat Location: Family Life Office, Catholic Pastoral Center
601 E Liberty St.

Savannah, Ga. 41301

Local Host: Family Life Office-Diocese of Savannah

Website Address: www.diosav.org

Contact: Stephanie May 912-201-4059 scmay@diosav.org

Friday, March 09, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012

Asheville, NC

Local Host: Diocese of Charlotte

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Friday, March 16, 2012 - Sunday, March 18, 2012

Tulsa, OK

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Friday, March 16, 2012 - Sunday, March 18, 2012

Granbury, TX

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Friday, March 16, 2012 - Sunday, March 18, 2012

Miami, FL

Local Host: St. Kevin Catholic Church
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Friday, March 16, 2012 - Sunday, March 18, 2012

Rio Grande City, TX

Local Host: Benedictine Sisters of the Good Shepherd
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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Georgetown (Interdenom), DE

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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Litchfield, CT

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford
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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Indianapolis, IN

Local Host: Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Office for Pro-Life Ministry
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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Medford, OR

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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Providence, RI

Local Host: Life & Family Ministry, Diocese of Providence
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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Philadelphia Area, PA

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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Madison, WI

Retreat Location: Durward's Glen Retreat Center, www.durwardsglen.org

Local Host: Diocese of Madison

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Friday, March 23, 2012 - Sunday, March 25, 2012

Corpus Christi, TX

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Hankinson, ND

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Friday, March 30, 2012 - Sunday, April 01, 2012

San Jose (Interdenominational), CA

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