

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, one of the most powerful aspects of the Rachel's Vineyard retreat process is the memorial service. Abortion is not an abstract pain; it brings the loss of a specific person who is to be acknowledged and mourned.

How much more powerful, then, is an actual funeral. At the end of July, it was again my privilege to preside over the funeral of an aborted child. This baby was about 19 weeks gestation and was killed by a prostaglandin abortion. The body had been given to me so that this child could be honored and buried.

The public service, conducted in an open square in Charlotte, NC, provided the mourners an opportunity to see the body and to grieve this loss. Many hearts were broken, many tears were shed. And healing occurred -- healing from the blindness that makes us trivialize abortion, healing from the fear of speaking out, healing from the many individual losses that the mourners have experienced.

Some who were present have been through a Rachel's Vineyard retreat; others actively promote healing after abortion. May we all courageously face the loss abortion brings and help our whole society to mourn. "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

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

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#### **A Rachel's Vineyard Summer Appeal**

Summer is a time of warmth, family vacations and relaxation. This can be a hard time of year for many who have lost their children through abortion. You can help return warmth to someone's life by supporting Rachel's Vineyard this August.

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

Here's how to make a donation:

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

By Phone: 610-354-0555

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

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## **In Loving Memory- Barbara Hennes- May 31, 1934 - July 2, 2012**

*On July 2, 2012, Barbara Hennes was called home to be with Our Lord. Although I will miss her, I can't help but smile at the thought of Barbara being reunited with Mark, who was called home nearly four years ago. Their love for each other and for Our Lord was an inspiration.*

*Barbara and Mark worked tirelessly to bring Rachel's Vineyard to Dallas. After researching a variety of programs, they settled on the Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat model, and held their first RV retreat in 1999. Between 1999 and 2005, they held 33 retreats in English, and 11 retreats in Spanish. Their love for everyone who came needing help, and for all who served in the ministry was obvious. They pointed out the way to the Lord by their love and their actions. They knew how to "carry a woman's heart." And they were very generous with their time and talent in helping other sites starting their own Rachel's Vineyard retreat ministry, including mine in Fort Worth.*

*Barbara showed motherly concern for us all, to everyone's delight. She was gentle, loving and compassionate. This was obvious on the ministry helpline, and to anyone needing healing after abortion. She made everyone feel comfortable and safe, and always spoke of the Lord's mercy and love. Her practical wisdom was priceless to those of us she trained as retreat team members.*

*Barbara had a talent for imitating voices. The one I remember most was her "Mother Teresa" voice. When I was first starting the ministry in Fort Worth and was worried about finances, Barbara would remind me that Mother Teresa said, "God has plenty of money," in her best Mother Teresa voice.*

*Barbara leaves a legacy of love, healing and hope to everyone whose lives she touched through her post-abortion healing ministry, whether retreat graduate, team member or friend. She is now with Mark again in the arms of Our Lord, and I'm quite sure they are even now interceding for each of us here in the Vineyard.*

*I will miss her.*

*Well done, good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace.*

Betsy Kopor  
Rachel's Vineyard Site Leader  
Fort Worth, Texas

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## **Handing on the Seeds of Hope**

By Amanda Conklin

When we decided that my husband would be taking a different job closer to my family and that I would in turn be leaving Rachel's Vineyard, it was a bittersweet moment. I am very excited about this next chapter in our life as a married couple, thrilled that I'll be much closer to my family and anxious to see where God leads me next. I am going to miss so many who make this ministry possible. I am incredibly blessed to have met several of you at our last Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference and worked with many of you closely through the digital world. I will always love this ministry and I'll hopefully still remain active on my mother's retreat team in Saranac Lake.

I have gained a great deal of experience and learned many skills through my time here that I will be utilizing for the rest of my life and I am so grateful. Many view post-abortion ministry as a very specific concentration. However, I have witnessed the numerous skills needed in order to facilitate this type of ministry. This ministry has allowed me to work with and minister to men and women of all ages. I have been asked to facilitate, observe and participate at different times. I have been involved with personal counseling, and I have also been in charge of impersonal technological aspects of the ministry. I know how hard our hundreds of volunteers work in order to make this vehicle of healing available and I commend all of them on their beautiful efforts.

I have also been incredibly blessed to be a part of the family of ministries of Priests for Life. I could not place a value on the amazing people I have met, the experiences I've had and the things I've learned. Three years may not seem like a lot of time to some people. To me, it flew by and was filled with numerous life lessons, challenges, and blessings.

I will continue to keep all those involved in the vineyard in my prayers and I ask that you remember me and my husband, Seth in your prayers as we embark on this new part of our married journey. I will now be serving the Church in a different capacity. I am the new Campus Minister for St. Lawrence University and SUNY Canton in Canton, NY. I am very excited to begin this new chapter in our life and look forward to working with a different community, while still remembering the community that contributed greatly in the formation of who I am today.

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## **Rachel's Vineyard 2011 Leadership Conference CDs 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](mailto: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](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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## United in Prayer

*We pray for the following intentions:*

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 last July. We continue to pray for her complete recovery and remission from this illness.

*We pray in thanksgiving:*

For **Anne Arthur's** new baby granddaughter, **Lara** who was born on July 14th. Anne is the site leader for the **Hildesheim, Germany** Rachel's Vineyard site. Lara was feared to be born prematurely for about six weeks but prayers were answered with a healthy delivery.

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## Upcoming Events

Friday, October 12, 2012 -- Saturday, October 13, 2012

Fort Worth, TX-Rachel's Vineyard Regional Training

**Kevin Burke will be conducting a Regional Training in Fort Worth, TX. The training will be hosted by Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth**

Friday, November 09, 2012 -- Saturday, November 10, 2012

Diocese of Dallas, TX Pastoral Conference

**Kevin Burke will be presenting on Post-Abortion Healing to clergy and mental professionals.**

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## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

**Saginaw, MI**

Contact: Sandy Buza 989-797-6652 [sbuza@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:sbuza@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

Contact: Sandy Buza 800-453-2081 x652

**Friday, August 10, 2012 - Sunday, August 12, 2012**

**Perth, WAA Australia**

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

**Friday, August 10, 2012 - Sunday, August 12, 2012**

**Fresno, CA**

Contact: Jennifer Butcher 877-629-6626

[butcher\\_jennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:butcher_jennifer@yahoo.com)

Contact: Paula Davalos - Español 888-686-8537 [paula.d@fbcares.org](mailto:paula.d@fbcares.org)

**Friday, August 10, 2012 - Sunday, August 12, 2012**

**Longbranch, WA**

Contact: (Español) 206-450-7814

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800-822-HOPE [valeriepr@aol.com](mailto:valeriepr@aol.com)

**Friday, August 10, 2012 - Sunday, August 12, 2012**

**Katy (Interdenom), TX**

Local Host: Pregnancy Center of West Houston

Contact: Mary Lee Mason 254-383-1717 [ml.mason@att.net](mailto:ml.mason@att.net)

**Friday, August 17, 2012 - Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**Camden, NJ**

Local Host: Pope John Paul II Retreat Center

Contact: Margarita Moran 856-691-2299

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**Friday, August 17, 2012 - Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**Denver (Español), CO**

Website Address: [home.comcast.net/~elvinedoderaquel/site](http://home.comcast.net/~elvinedoderaquel/site)

Contact: Rosalinda Lozano 720-320-2449

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**Friday, August 17, 2012 - Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**San Jose (Interdenom), CA**

Contact: Maria Klein 650-988-9400 [maria@dxdt.com](mailto:maria@dxdt.com)

**Friday, August 17, 2012 - Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**Richardton, ND**

Contact: Carol Kling 605-374-5639 [ckling@sdplains.com](mailto:ckling@sdplains.com)

**Friday, August 17, 2012 - Sunday, August 19, 2012**

**Weisbaden, HES**

Contact: Julie Enriquez 49-151-4180-9797

[hopeforhealingweisbaden@yahoo.com](mailto:hopeforhealingweisbaden@yahoo.com)

**Friday, August 24, 2012 - Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**Cork, Ireland**

Contact: Bernadette Goulding 087 859 2877

[noramalone15@yahoo.com](mailto:noramalone15@yahoo.com)

Friday, June 29, 2012 - Sunday, July 01, 2012

Note: Location: Knock

**Friday, August 24, 2012 - Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**Tampa, FL**

Contact: Emma Boe 813-924-4173 [emmaboe@aol.com](mailto:emmaboe@aol.com)

**Friday, August 24, 2012 - Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**Sioux Falls, SD**

Contact: [hkarrow@sfcatholic.org](mailto:hkarrow@sfcatholic.org)

Contact: Margi Culhane [mculhane@sfcatholic.org](mailto:mculhane@sfcatholic.org)

Contact: Dr. Marcie Moran 605-988-3775

**Friday, August 24, 2012 - Sunday, August 26, 2012**

**Dallas, TX**

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

Contact: Lacy de la Garza 972-835-4736 [healing@racheldallas.org](mailto:healing@racheldallas.org)

**Friday, September 07, 2012- Sunday, September 09, 2012**

**El Paso, TX**

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

Contact: Lupe Aguilera 915-867-8016

[rachelsvineyard@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@elpasodiocese.org)

**Friday, September 07, 2012 - Sunday, September 09, 2012**

**Denver (Español), CO**

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Contact: Rosalinda Lozano 720-320-2449

[ElVinedoDeRaquel@comcast.net](mailto:ElVinedoDeRaquel@comcast.net)

**Friday, September 07, 2012- Sunday, September 09, 2012**

**Menlo Park, CA**

Local Host: First Resort

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

**Friday, September 07, 2012 - Sunday, September 09, 2012**

**San Francisco Bay Area (Interdenom), CA**

Retreat Location: Menlo Park

Local Host: First Resort

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

**Friday, September 07, 2012 - Sunday, September 09, 2012**

**San Bernardino, CA**

Retreat Location: Duarte, CA

Local Host: Pro Life Catholic Ministries

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

[blmcguthrie@yahoo.com](mailto:blmcguthrie@yahoo.com)

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

**Friday, September 07, 2012- Sunday, September 09, 2012**

Note:Location: Big Bear City

**Oakland /East Bay, CA**

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

Contact: Valerie 707-967-1101 [rachelsvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyard@gmail.com)

**Friday, September 07, 2012- Sunday, September 09, 2012**

### **Columbus (Interdenom), GA**

Retreat Location: Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center, Ft. Mitchell, AL

Contact: Sr. Pat Thompson, RSM 706-569-0614

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

**Friday, September 07, 2012 - Sunday, September 09, 2012**

### **Hobart, TAS, Australia**

Contact: Anne Sherston 03-6229 8739

[rachelsvineyardtas@aapt.net.au](mailto:rachelsvineyardtas@aapt.net.au)

**Friday, September 07, 2012 - Sunday, September 09, 2012**

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

Local Host: Joliet Diocesan Life Office

Contact: Kay Corcoran 866-99-4-GIVE [corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net)

**Friday, September 14, 2012- Sunday, September 16, 2012**

### **Northwest Indiana, IN**

Local Host: Angela House

Contact: Kathy Druzbecki 219-558-0625 [kdruz@att.net](mailto:kdruz@att.net)

**Friday, September 14, 2012- Sunday, September 16, 2012**

### **Linden, NJ**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Newark

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

**Friday, September 14, 2012 -Sunday, September 16, 2012**

### **Kansas City (Northland) Interdenom, MO**

Contact: Kathy & Dan Hawk 816-401-4594 [rv.north.kc@gmail.com](mailto:rv.north.kc@gmail.com)

**Friday, September 14, 2012 - Sunday, September 16, 2012**

### **Janesville (Interdenom), WI**

Retreat Location: Conference Point Center in Williams Bay

Local Host: Pregnancy Helpline of Janesville

Website Address: [www.pregnancy-helpline.net/rachelsvineyard.htm](http://www.pregnancy-helpline.net/rachelsvineyard.htm)

Contact: Cheryl Ryan 608-235-7542 [rancher868@charter.net](mailto:rancher868@charter.net)

Contact: Pregnancy Helpline 608-755-9739 [cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net](http://cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net)

**Friday, September 14, 2012 - Sunday, September 16, 2012**

### **Dallas (Español), TX**

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

Contact: Eileen Kuhlmann 972-679-4760 [sanacion@racheldallas.org](mailto:sanacion@racheldallas.org)

**Friday, September 21, 2012 - Sunday, September 23, 2012**

### **Stevens Point, WI**

Contact: Lisa Sommers 715-204-9561 [RVStevensPoint@gmail.com](mailto:RVStevensPoint@gmail.com)

**Friday, September 21, 2012 - Sunday, September 23, 2012**

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

Contact: Phyllis Young 956-541-2720 [young.phil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:young.phil@sbcglobal.net)



**Friday, September 21, 2012 - Sunday, September 23, 2012**

**Hildesheim, Hildesheim**

Local Host: Gemeinschaft Jakobsbrunnen

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**Friday, September 21, 2012 - Sunday, September 23, 2012**

**Doylestown, PA**

Retreat Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa – Ave Maria Retreat

654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=654+ferry+rd&city=doylestown&state=PA&country=us>

Contact: Evelyn 215-317-5752 [evelynwalsh59@gmail.com](mailto:evelynwalsh59@gmail.com)

**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**

**Chandler (Interdenom), AZ**

Contact: Linda Diamond 480-309-0625

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**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**

**DC Metro Area, MD**

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[dpenzak@hotmail.com](mailto:dpenzak@hotmail.com)

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

**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**

Note: This retreat offered in both English and Spanish

**Hays, KS**

Retreat Location: Heartland Center for Spirituality

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

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

Contact: Donetta Robben 877-447-4383 [rvineyard@ruraltel.net](mailto:rvineyard@ruraltel.net)

Contact: Hattie Stein 620-227-1584 [hstein@dcdiocese.org](mailto:hstein@dcdiocese.org)

**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**

Note: Location: Capuchin Center for Spiritual Life in Victoria, Kansas

**Litchfield, CT**

Local Host: Archdiocese of Hartford

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**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico**

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**Friday, September 28, 2012 - Sunday, September 30, 2012**