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Vine & Branches

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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 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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Rachel's Vineyard's Roots Continue to Spread: Dr. Burke in London and Paris

This month Dr. Theresa Burke will be spending time in London and Paris to facilitate retreats and offer training seminars for both Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace Ministries.

Dr. Burke traveled to London in late November to facilitate a Grief to Grace Retreat and present training for clergy and clinicians that included the Grief to Grace Model as well as a training for Grief to Grace Team members. Fr. Dominic Allain, the site leader for Grief to Grace in London, hosted Dr. Burke at the Kairos Retreat Centre where the retreat itself was held.

Dr. Burke also recorded several radio and television interviews including an interview with Dr. John Newton on EWTN UK, between Trainings.

After that she's on to Paris France, where, during the first week of December, she will offer a Rachel's Vineyard Training hosted by friend of the Vineyard, Laetitia Pouliquen.

More details on how and when to tune in to these various interviews coming soon.

Healing for the Holidays: One Retreatant's Story of Hope and Restoration through Rachel's Vineyard

Every once in a while an email or phone call will come in to the International Office that warms the heart and reminds us why this work is so critically important. Just in time for Christmas, we received one such email from a retreatant who had waited a very long time...nearly 30 years... and has finally experienced the power of God's healing available through Rachel's Vineyard.

She writes...

"After 29 years, I have peace within myself. I went to a retreat the week before Thanksgiving. I was ready to talk about my abortion and so glad to be able to share with other women. The team was so loving and kind, and the sisters cooked and took care of us. I am so thankful I was able to go, my sister encouraged me for years to go, she went and told me

how wonderful it was.

My one friend asked me on a scale of 1-10 how it was, I told her a 100. The retreat was healing, loving, caring, amazing. I did not know what to expect and did not even want to walk in the retreat house, the retreat leader came out to the car and walked me in. I will never forget the stories and the women. Also, women need to know about the healing of Rachel Vineyard.

I believe it was Holy Spirit inspired and thank God you listened.”

There is so much inspiration to be gleaned from the men and women who run the Rachel's Vineyard retreats and so much hope to be shared with those who attend. This Christmas, we'd like to thank everyone who dedicates their time to the healing of others and to commend all those brave men and women who have found it in themselves to reach out and get the healing that God so desperately wishes to share with them.

If you or someone you know is considering attending a retreat for healing take it from our friend above, on a scale of 1-10... the power of God's healing is a 100!

A Rachel's Vineyard Appeal

The Holidays are a season filled with magic, excitement and precious time spent with family and friends. But for those who are suffering after abortion, the holidays can be a time of loneliness and loss. This Christmas, give the gift of healing by making a generous donation to Rachel's Vineyard and help someone who is hurting after abortion find hope and healing.

Please consider making a generous holiday donation today.

Your donation will make the difference for someone who desperately needs healing.

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

Rachel's Vineyard Recommends: Little Star by Anthony DeStefano

If you are looking for a meaningful, family friendly Christmas gift for the little ones in your life, look no further than Anthony Destefano's holiday children's book, Little Star. The beautifully illustrated book tells the story of the star of Bethlehem who burns out in an effort to keep the baby Jesus warm on the very first Christmas night. This heart-warming retelling of the nativity is sure to become a holiday favorite in your family.

Get your copy today at <https://www.priestsforlife.org/store/c-3-books.aspx>

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

United in Prayer

For the soul of **Mike Duncan**, husband of **Diane Duncan**, dedicated member of the Rachel's Vineyard family. Mike battled for 5 weeks with intense health issues and was finally brought home on November 20th. We pray that God will welcome Mike into His heavenly kingdom and fill Diane and her family with grace and peace to endure this deep loss.

Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats

Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse

Philadelphia, PA

Contact: info@griegtograce.org 610-203-2002

February 16- February 21, 2013

Dr. Theresa Burke will be facilitating.

Visit www.griegtograce.org for more information

Upcoming Events

December 6 & 7 Rachel's Vineyard Training Seminar, France

Dr. Theresa Burke will be facilitating.

Contact the Rachel's Vineyard International Office for details:

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Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Stockton, California

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December 7 - December 9, 2012

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December 14, 2012 - December 16, 2012

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December 14, 2012-December 16, 2012

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January 04, 2013 -January 06, 2013

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January 11, 2013- January 13, 2013

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January 18, 2013-January 20, 2013

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January 25, 2013 - January 27, 2013

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January 25, 2013 - January 27, 2013

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January 25, 2013 - January 27, 2013