

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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Save the Date!!

July 21-24 of 2014!!! This is the date for the next Rachel's Vineyard Ministries International Leadership Conference. Mark your calendars for this very special event. Dr. Theresa Burke has been working hard to bring you some fabulous new classes on topics that have never before been discussed in post abortion conferences. This conference promises to be a rejuvenating experience for all who come! Expect lots of laughter, learning, new friendships, and relaxation! Be on the lookout for more information.

The Newly Revised Rachel's Vineyard Spanish Weekend Retreat Manual is complete!

We have been working very hard to complete the **Newly Revised Rachel's Vineyard Spanish Weekend Retreat Manual** and we are happy to announce that it is finished! We would like to publically thank *Lala Ramirez*, Rachel's Vineyard in Argentina and *Eugenia Hadley*, Rachel's Vineyard Director of International Training in Spanish for their tireless work to have this complete for the New Year! Rachel's Vineyard is looking forward to sharing the manual with Pope Francis. As well as using it to reach out to the entire Spanish community both nationally and abroad.



Dr. Theresa Burke, Katie D'Annunzio and Eugenia Hadley holding the cover of the Newly Revised Rachel's Vineyard Spanish Weekend Retreat Manual

For more information please email Lairen at 2assistant@rachelsvineyard.org.

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you, shall form an invincible host against difficulties.”
Helen Keller

Don't Believe the Media Hype Pro Lifers: Pope Francis Has Your Back!

By: Kevin Burke, LSW



The interview with Pope Francis published in the Italian Jesuit Journal *La Civiltà Cattolica* caused a firestorm of reaction. Media and entertainment outlets cranked up their spin machines to proclaim a fundamental shift in the Church's emphasis concerning the hot button issues of contraception, abortion, and same sex marriage. Some of the faithful, after battling for years in the pro-life/pro-family trenches felt confused and discouraged by some of the Pope's quotes as highlighted in the media.

But the media has a very short attention span and quickly moved on to the next big story. So now we can take a deep breath, and take a closer prayerful reading of this interview. Perhaps you will find as I did that there is much that affirms the evolution of pro life ministry over the last 40 years and the movement as a whole.

First let's look at some key excerpts: [CLICK HERE!](#)

“Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.”
Goran Persson

This year we invite you to join us in being Silent No More!

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign will host national events at both the March for Life in front of the US Supreme Court building in **Washington DC** on **Wednesday, January 22th** and the Walk for Life in **San Francisco** on **Saturday, January 25th**. We invite you to join us! For information, email Georgette@SilentNoMore.com and note whether you want details for Washington, DC or San Francisco! (Georgette Forney is co-founder, along with Janet Morana, of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign.)

For those who have experienced healing after abortion and feel so inclined, we invite you to participate by carrying a sign and/or sharing your testimony. The signs "I Regret My Abortion" and "I Regret Lost Fatherhood" are for the mothers and fathers, respectively. For family and supporters we have other signs "Women Do Regret Abortion/Men Regret Lost Fatherhood." To participate in either of these ways, you will need to register with us, and Georgette will take you through the steps when you email her.

- In **Washington DC**, the Silent No More Awareness Gathering will be Wednesday, January 22 in front of the Supreme Court immediately following the March for Life (approx.2:30pm). We will once again be participating in the Rally and lead the March for Life. Information about Hotel accommodations for the March for Life in Washington DC can be found here.

- The Walk for Life in **San Francisco** is Saturday, January 25th. Georgette Forney, Janet Morana and Fr. Frank Pavone will be there to lead the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. Silent No More will hold a Gathering of testimonies at 10:30 before the Rally at the Civic Center Plaza. We invite you to attend the Walk and participate. Our message, your testimony desperately NEEDS to be heard on the west coast! (California has the highest abortion rates in the country.) Information about Hotel accommodations for the Walk for Life in San Francisco can be found here.

If you are thinking you want to participate but are unsure about sharing your testimony, a great first step is to join us and carry a Campaign sign that reads "I Regret My Abortion" or "I Regret Lost Fatherhood." Your presence holding the sign is a testimony in itself.

"From small beginnings come great things."
Proverb

Rachel's Vineyard Appeal

New Years is a time that many feel a strong desire for change, conversion and healing. By donating to Rachel's Vineyard today, you can help make someone's New Year's resolution for healing become a reality!

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

Here's how to make a donation:

Online: www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate

By Phone: 610-354-0555

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

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and then starting on the first one."

Mark Twain

Message from Pastoral Director

Brothers and Sisters,

I recently had a very enjoyable visit at our Priests for Life headquarters from a young man who helps to run the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass. We were exploring ways that Priests for Life could work with them more closely, and, of course, central to our conversation was the ministry of mercy that we know as Rachel's Vineyard.

We received, through that visit, a number of the images of Jesus with the rays of his Divine Mercy flowing from his heart. These will serve various Rachel's Vineyard sites who wish to make use of them.

The visit also recalled for me the special connection between Divine Mercy and abortion. St Faustina was given the Chaplet of Divine Mercy especially as a response to the sin of abortion, and as her diary relates, was given an experience of excruciating pain to unite her to the women who were aborting their babies.

In a special Papal Blessing in 2003, Blessed John Paul II reminded the world explicitly of this connection between abortion and the need for the Divine Mercy, and urged people to pray for the healing of all who have lost children to abortion.

Rachel's Vineyard is certainly part of the answer to those prayers!

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

"The more you pray, the less you'll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured."

Rick Warren

Rachel's Vineyard Social Networking

"I attended a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat this year and the healing I have experienced as a result have changed me deeply and fundamentally!"



www.RachelsVineyard.org
Healing is possible after abortion!

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 YouTube videos!: www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

Martin Luther King Jr.

United in Prayer

For, *Sabine Poujade*, for the loss of her beloved husband Jean Marc Poujade. This couple was influential in spreading Rachel's Vineyard into many dioceses throughout France. Jean Marc spent his lifetime in healing ministries and he had a great affection and love for the work of Rachel's Vineyard. Marie Lucie, a friend of Rachel's Vineyard writes, "I remember him for his soft heart and listening. He welcomed me when I was so sick...How many of us already offered their life for the ministry? I hope to be one of them in whatever way...The wheat seed has now been sowed in the French earth and it will bear much fruit."

For *Kay Marie Geiger*, she has been diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. She has been running Rachel's Vineyard in Richmond Virginia since Rachel's Vineyard first started. Please God be present to Kay Marie as she begins her treatments, we are praying for a miracle. Anyone wishing to contact Kay Marie may do so at kmg4hope@verizon.net

For *Pati*, a member of the Las Vegas Nevada Rachel's Vineyard Team, has been diagnosed with an aneurysm in her brain. Please pray for complete healing and a speedy recovery.

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”
Mother Teresa

Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats

Healing the Wounds of Abuse
Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity
www.Griegtograce.org

Philadelphia, PA - February 23- 27, 2014

Contact: Jeanne Haines at info@griegtograce.org or call 610-203-2002
Dr. Theresa Burke will be the lead facilitator.

Kelowna, BC - April 3-6, 2014

Contact: G2GKelowna@shaw.ca or call 250-878-7603

London, UK - April 11-16, 2014

Contact: g2guk@yahoo.co.uk or call:
00 44 (0)75 4855 2558 or 00 44 (0)20 8947 6420

“A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer.”

Bruce Lee

Upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard Training Events

St. Augustine, FL –Presenter at Workshop and Keynote Speaker at the March for Life St. Augustine.

Dr. Theresa Burke will be presenting at a Workshop on January 17, 2014 and will be the keynote speaker at the March for Life St. Augustine on January 18, 2014.

For further questions please contact: May Oliver at 904-674-4412 or via email at mayoliv3@aol.com

San Angelo, TX – Clergy Training and Clinical Training

Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a Clergy Training on February 4th, 2014 and a Clinical Training on February 5, 2014.

For further information please contact:

Tom Burke at 325-651-7500 or via email at tcbu1@yahoo.com

Dallas, TX – Clergy Training, Clinical Training and Rachel’s Vineyard Facilitator & Team Training

On February 7th, 2014, Dr. Theresa Burke will be hosting 2 half day trainings. The first session will be a Clergy Training and the second session will be a Clinical Training.

On February 8th, 2014, Dr. Theresa Burke will be conducting a Rachel’s Vineyard Facilitators & Team Training.

For further information please contact:

Eileen Kuhlmann at 972-679-4760 or via email at ekuhlmann@prolifedallas.org

Malvern, PA - International Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference
Monday, July 21, 2014 - Thursday, July 24, 2014 Dr. Theresa Burke has been working hard to bring you some fabulous new classes on topics that have never before been discussed in post abortion conferences. This conference promises to be a rejuvenating experience for all who come! Expect lots of laughter, learning, new friendships, and relaxation! Be on the lookout for more information. For more information please contact Lairen Vogan at 2assistant@rachelsvineyard.org

Conference of Interest

Washington DC - Sidewalk Counseling Seminar hosted by National Pro Life Center on Capitol Hill. The seminar will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 9am – 12 Noon at:
St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill
313 Second St NE
Washington DC 20002
Cost is \$10.00 per person. You can pay online at www.nationalprolifecenter.org.
Space is limited, registration is necessary by 1/20/13. Please email to RVpamd@gmail.com for more information.

"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success."

Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

San Jose/Greater South Bay (Interdenom), CA

Contact: Maria Klein 650-988-9400 maria@mariaklein-mft.com

Contact: Shirley Poitier 408-837-0990 Shirley@realoptions.net

Friday, January 03, 2014

Sunday, January 05, 2014

Mt. View/Santa Clara Valley (Interdenom), CA

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Friday, January 03, 2014

Sunday, January 05, 2014

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Friday, January 03, 2014

Sunday, January 05, 2014

Detroit Area, MI

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Friday, January 03, 2014

Sunday, January 05, 2014

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Sunday, January 12, 2014

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Friday, January 10, 2014

Sunday, January 12, 2014

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Sunday, January 12, 2014

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Sunday, January 19, 2014

Note:

Snow Date: Jan. 24-26, 2014

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Sunday, January 19, 2014

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, January 17, 2014

Sunday, January 19, 2014

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Friday, January 24, 2014

Sunday, January 26, 2014

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Friday, January 24, 2014

Sunday, January 26, 2014

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Denomination: Men Only

Friday, January 31, 2014

Sunday, February 02, 2014

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Friday, January 31, 2014

Sunday, February 02, 2014

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Friday, January 31, 2014

Sunday, February 02, 2014

Katy (Interdenom), TX

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Thursday, February 06, 2014

Saturday, February 08, 2014

Miami (Español), FL

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Friday, February 07, 2014

Sunday, February 09, 2014

Linden, NJ (Español)

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Friday, February 07, 2014

Sunday, February 09, 2014

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Sunday, February 09, 2014

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Friday, February 07, 2014

Sunday, February 09, 2014

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Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 21, 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014

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Friday, February 28, 2014

Sunday, March 02, 2014