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Healing the Pain of Abortion
One Weekend at a Time

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March 2016

A Thought For Your Soul

Dear workers in the Vineyard,

At this time of chaos in the world we are being called to save as many souls as possible with the task we've been given. With that thought in mind, our responsibility is a great one in the grand scheme of things.

The strength of our teams will rely heavily on how prepared we are for the spiritual battle to come. The beauty is that each of you are very strong in your faith and deeply connected with the mother of Jesus. While all of us have our own personal devotions, I would love to tell you about one that spoke very strongly to me. In the apparitions in Kibeho, Rwanda, Our Lady requested that the people pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows which she explained as an ancient rosary that had been lost over the centuries. There are meditations which are descriptive and deeply moving and help explain Mary's role and importance in bringing about redemption through Jesus Christ. Click on this link if you're unaware of it and would like to know more about this rosary.

<http://www.sevensorrows.com/7sprayers.htm>

The first thing that spoke to me with regards to the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows was the gift of having peace within our families. Maintaining that peace will assist us all in doing His will without distraction. This is important especially when we approach our upcoming retreats. If our families are at peace then we can do what we're called to do in peace for those seeking our assistance. There are many other graces that can be attained with devotion to this rosary which you can read about on the link.

Evelyn Walsh

Rachel's Vineyard coordinator for Doylestown, Pennsylvania

"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties,
but peace in difficulties."

~ C.S. Lewis

An Easter Appeal

This March, we look forward with joyful hearts to celebrating Easter Sunday. Let's remember those who are suffering after abortion, and struggling to find joy in this holy season. By donating to Rachel's Vineyard this Easter, you can help those suffering receive the gift of healing through 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

By Phone: 610-354-0555

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



"By His wounds we are healed."
~ Isaiah 53:5



Last Chance to sign up for Rachel's Vineyard Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Medugorje

In April 2016 there will be a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Medugorje for alumni and leaders of Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace Retreats. I understand there are only a few spots left, so if anyone would like to join us, now is the last call to sign up.

We are truly in for an amazing spiritual journey! We are happy to share that there will be three priests: Fr. Dominic Allain from London; Fr. John McHale from Baltimore; and Fr. Alan Eilen from Minneapolis. These special priests will be offering daily mass/confession/and spiritual direction for our group. We will also be attending an audience with Pope Francis.

Another exciting feature is that Bernadette Goulding and members of the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats from Ireland will be meeting up with us in Medugorje after they finish facilitating a Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Yugoslavia!

To reserve your place, please contact Guy Murphy, Monica-Pia, Beth, Linda, Jackie, or Colleen at 1- 630-279-842 or click this link:

http://www.totallyyourpilgrimages.com/totally_live_upload_version_066.htm



"Traveling tends to magnify all human emotions."
~ Peter Hoeg



Dear Woman Suffering After an Abortion

By: Cullen Herout

Dear Woman Suffering After An Abortion,

I am writing because I want you to know that I care about you. I care about your well-being, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. There are some things I want to tell you, and although you don't know me from the next guy, I hope that my words will not fall on deaf ears.

The first thing I want to say is that I'm sorry. I'm sorry that you found yourself in a position where you felt as though you needed to make the choice you did. I know it must not have been an easy choice, and I'm sure you did your best to determine the right choice given your situation.

It's true that there are a lot of things I don't know about you. I don't know who you are or why you chose to have an abortion. I don't know if anyone encouraged you in that choice or if anyone tried to dissuade you. I don't know if you listened to people you should have ignored or ignored people you should have listened to. I don't know what kind of support you had at all. Were there people who listened as you described the choice you had to make or did those people who were supposed to listen neglect to do so?

I don't know if you have second-guessed your decision. Maybe you almost turned around on your way into the abortion clinic or maybe you didn't. Maybe you were happy with the decision at the time but regret it now. Maybe you regretted it immediately. Maybe you are not sure whether you should be regretting it or not.

I don't know whether you've ever cried thinking about your aborted child or children. I don't know if you've lost sleep over it, or struggled with addiction as a way to avoid dealing with the choice. I don't know if you've carried around shame, guilt, regret, unworthiness or any other negative emotion. I don't know if you've been too afraid of condemnation and fear of rejection to speak up about your experience.

It seems like I don't know much at all, really. Maybe all that sounds like you or maybe it doesn't. Maybe some of it does but some of it does not. There are a lot of different ways that women who have had abortions look back on their experience, and each person's response is different and unique.

While there are a lot of things I don't know, there are a few things I do know, and I'd like to share those with you.

1. You are not alone.

The first is that, no matter what your experience, you are not alone. You may feel alone and you may even have been led to believe that you are alone, but it is simply not true. It is the work of Satan to make us feel as though we are alone in our struggles, whatever they may be for each of us. But please don't fall for this lie, because that is exactly what it is. There is no truth there. In fact, there is never any truth to the fact that we are alone in our struggles, even though we frequently are made to feel this way.

When we begin to believe that we are alone, we become less and less likely to reach out for help. This can lead to isolation, depression, despair, and avoidance. It becomes a sort of cycle, and the further it goes, the more alone we feel. But please know that if

you are in that cycle, you can break it. It does not have to continue on forever, and there are things you can do to remove yourself from the cycle.

It is true that many in our country get hung up on whether abortion should be legal, the philosophical and moral aspects of it, and the lies promulgated by the abortion industry. These are good discussions to have, there is a place for them, and I have participated in these discussions as well. But please know that I have not forgotten about you, the one who has been lied to and experienced the consequences of believing those lies. You are the one who has been hurt by the abortion industry. You are the one who frequently is overlooked in these conversations. You are not forgotten, and there are countless people who are praying for you every single day.

Perhaps you have lost your faith in God or come to believe that He doesn't care about you. Maybe you hide in the back of church or maybe you don't attend church at all anymore due to not feeling worthy. Maybe you long for forgiveness but aren't sure where to turn. Maybe you have told people of your decision and they have rejected you as a result, further alienating you and making it even less likely that you will reach out to others in the future. No matter what your current state, the truth remains that you are not alone. There are people out there who have similar experiences and are willing to share them with you.

2. Healing is Possible.

The second thing I know is that healing is possible. Perhaps in the past, you have not believed this to be true or thought that it would be impossible for you to experience healing. Maybe you have been suffering for a long time, and have no idea where to turn for help. Maybe you have lived in darkness, longing to come back into the light but aren't sure how to get there. Again, no matter your situation or personal history, there are people who have similar experiences, and they are ready to help when you are ready to ask for it.

There are several organizations dedicated to providing emotional and spiritual care for women who have had abortions. These organizations exist because abortion brings suffering, and many women have suffered immensely after having an abortion. There are also websites available for women to tell their story (if and when they are ready to do so). The organizations prove that women do not have to suffer alone, and give testimony to the fact that healing after abortion is possible. I'm going to include some links at the bottom of this letter, just in case you are interested in contacting any of these organizations. Please do not feel pressured to do so, but know that they are available if and when you are ready.

Healing from the pain caused by abortion is not easy, but oftentimes the first step is the most difficult. Reaching out for help takes immense courage, but opens up the heart for healing. Perhaps you have wondered whether you would ever be the same or whether you would ever be able to experience joy in your life. Perhaps you have lost hope at some point or all but given up on the idea of ever feeling like yourself again. Perhaps you feel as though you could never forgive yourself. No matter what your state of mind or experiences, healing is possible.

3. There is Hope in Jesus Christ.

Lastly, and most importantly, there is hope in Jesus Christ. He alone has the power to make all things new again. There is no other way. He wants to take what is broken and make it whole. He wants to bring light to the darkness. He wants to pick up shattered pieces of broken hearts and mend them together again. He wants you to invite Him to heal you. He wants you to confide in Him your emotions and your

thoughts, and share with Him your struggles and pains. He does not want you to live the rest of your life struggling with whatever you are struggling with. He wants to bear your burdens, free you from your past, and restore your joy. Remember, He came that we might have life and have it abundantly.

Moreover, He has the power to forgive and He wants to do that as well. There are incredible amounts of grace available to those who seek forgiveness and that grace can and will be instrumental in any healing process, whether it be yours or anyone else's. It's almost never easy to ask for forgiveness but you will be happy if and when you choose to do so.

So please remember that you are not alone. You don't have to continue to live in the darkness and suffering. You can choose to take that first step toward healing. You can begin to open up and share your experiences with others who have struggled through the same things you are struggling through. You can be forgiven, you can experience the love of Christ, and you can experience joy again in your life.

It won't be easy, but remember that the first step is the hardest. You just have to muster the courage to reach out. I will be praying for you.

Blessings,
Cullen

Rachel's Vineyard – This is a ministry that offers retreat weekends for women who have had abortions. Oftentimes, the retreat teams are led by persons who have already gone through the retreat weekend. www.Rachelsvineyard.org

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**“The enemy tricks us into believing we are not good enough
because he knows if we discover the truth
we’ll be unstoppable.”
~ Holley Gerth**



Rachel's Vineyard Recommends

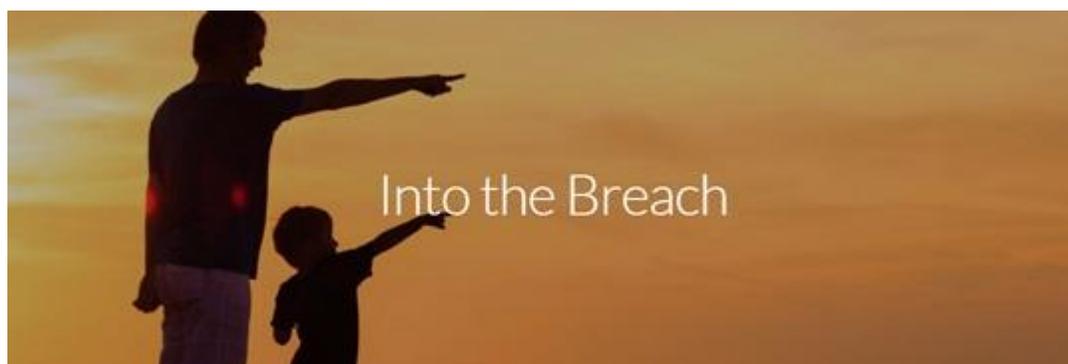
The Vita Pendant



We would like to share with you the beautiful work of Cindy Howard. The Vita Pendant is a symbol of precious life. May it be a comfort to all who may be suffering after the loss of a child.

"Creating a symbol that encompasses my passion for life has been a project of mine for many years. Through this pendant, I desire to give hope during unplanned pregnancies, encourage those who have lost children, and present a peaceful reminder of the precious gift of life." ~ Cindy Howard

To learn more about Cindy's work, visit www.VitaArt.org.



Into the Breach:

**An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men, my Spiritual Sons in the
Diocese of Phoenix**

**By: Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix**

A Call to Battle

I, Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted begin this letter with a clarion call and clear charge to you, my sons and brothers in Christ: Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle

that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.

Purpose of this Exhortation

I offer this Exhortation as an encouragement, a challenge, and a calling forth to mission for every willing man in the Diocese of Phoenix: priests and deacons, husbands, fathers and sons, grandfathers and widowers, young men in preparation for your vocation – that is, each and every man. With this Exhortation, I want to clarify for you the nature of this mission from Christ, for which I will rely on the clear guidance of the Holy Scriptures, the Magisterium of the Church, and the example of the saints.

In this Exhortation, I will address three primary questions:

1. What does it mean to be a Catholic man?
2. How does a Catholic man love?
3. Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man?

For more information on **Into the Breach** go to <http://www.intothebreach.net/into-the-breach>. Or you can watch the following videos:

1. 2 minute Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Sv4NP_aJaA
2. 10 minute Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mDzNm7cylw>



**“A Christian isn’t a man who never goes wrong,
but a man who is enabled to repent.”**

~ C.S. Lewis



Message from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, I'm preparing to go to the Supreme Court on March 2 to help lead the rally of prayer being held while the Court hears oral arguments in the case of *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, one of the most important abortion cases at the court in decades. It will examine the constitutionality of a Texas law that puts reasonable requirements on abortion mills and abortionists for the protection of the mothers who undergo the procedure.

I am happy to let you know that part of the official record of this case, in the form of various briefs submitted by Priests for Life and other pro-life groups, *are the testimonies of those who have been wounded by abortion and then found healing through ministries like Rachel's Vineyard.*

These voices of testimony tell the Supreme Court, which has already acknowledged

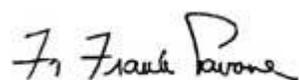
in past decisions that women do regret their abortions, that just because abortion is legal does not mean they won't be wounded. In fact, the stories of these courageous moms, who continue to walk the lifelong path of healing, reveal that *more protections -- such as the state of Texas is providing by this law -- are needed for those who obtain abortions.*

Now of course the best protection is to avoid the procedure altogether, and to choose life instead. We also know, at the same time, that God continues to bring good out of evil, and in this current Supreme Court case, the voices of the wounded will speak to the Court -- and the strength that many of them have, that enables them to speak, has come through Rachel's Vineyard!

[Please pray for the success of this case!](#)

God bless you!

Sincerely,



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



**"It's easy to look at ourselves and see ourselves as what we are now.
God looks at us and sees what we can become."
~ Sarah Ann Neil**



Rachel's Vineyard in Social Media



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

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard

Twitter: www.twitter.com/RVHealing

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/rachelsvineyard

Instagram: www.instagram.com/rvhealing



“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
and that has made all the difference.”
~ Robert Frost



United in Prayer

Please join us in praying for **Anne Sherston**, New Site Coordinator and Director Rachel's Vineyard Tasmania's sister, **Liz** and her mother **Josephine**. Liz recently suffered a heart attack and ended up having a triple by-pass. Although the operation went well she is still in hospital more than 2 months later because of an infection in her chest cavity which they can't seem to get rid of. She has been back in ICU for the last two weeks once again so they can watch her more closely. Anne's 81 year old mum, Josephine was taken to hospital by ambulance and found that she has a very seriously blocked aorta. After speaking to the doctor Anne was told that any surgery could be fatal. Please pray that the doctors on each of these cases are able to identify the problem and remedy them quickly.

Please join us in praying for, **Steve Harmon**, Rachel's Vineyard Team member in Peoria, IL. Steve suffered a massive heart attack shortly before Christmas. He is now undergoing cardiac rehab and plans to co-facilitate Peoria's spring retreat. Please continue to pray for a swift and full recovery.

Please join us in praying for, **Joseph Burke**, Kevin Burke's. Joseph has been suffering from various health issues. Please pray the he is able to make a full recovery.

Please pray for **Lairen Vogan**, Executive Assistant at Rachel's Vineyard and her husband, Ian, as they are expecting their first child in March 2016. They are overjoyed and would appreciate your prayers for a healthy delivery and baby.



“I used to believe that prayer changes things,
but now I know that prayer changes us,
and we change things.”
~ Mother Teresa



Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats

Phoenix, AZ

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

February 28th - March 4th, 2016

Houston, TX

Contact: info@newheartoftexas.org 254-383-1717

July 3rd – 8th, 2016

Newark, NJ

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

September 11-16, 2016

Beaverton, OR

Contact: griegtograceoregon@gmail.com 541-357-7501

September 21st - 25th, 2016

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN

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

October 2-7, 2016

Kelowna, BC

Contact: G2GKelowna@gmail.com Call: 250-878-7603

April 14-17, 2016

London, UK

Contact: g2guk@yahoo.co.uk

Call: 020 7937 4297 / 07849 029 442 / 07770 373 758

April 1st-6th, 2016

November 23rd-28th, 2016



**“Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door
of resentment and the handcuffs of hatred.”**

~ Corrie ten Boom



Events of Interest

You're Invited, April 2, 2016

Retreat with Imaculee and Dr. Theresa Burke in New York City

If you have never heard of the book “Left To Tell” or about the apparitions of “Our Lady of Kibeho” this is a retreat you won't want to miss!

Immaculée's life was transformed dramatically during the 1994 Rwandan genocide where she and seven other women spent 91 days huddled silently together in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor's house. Immaculée entered the bathroom a vibrant, 115-pound university student with a loving family - she emerged weighing

just 65 pounds to find her most of her family had been brutally murdered.

Immaculée credits her recovery mostly to prayer and to a set of rosary beads given to her by her devout Catholic father prior to going into hiding. Anger and resentment about her situation were literally eating her alive and destroying her faith, but rather than succumbing to the rage that she felt, Immaculée instead turned to prayer. She began to pray the rosary as a way of drowning out the negativity that was building up inside her. Immaculée found solace and peace in prayer and began to pray from the time she opened her eyes in the morning to the time she closed her eyes at night. Through prayer, she eventually found it possible, and in fact imperative, to forgive her tormentors and her family's murderers.

I will have the extraordinary privilege to give a talk on our healing ministries at this special retreat with Immaculée. You may be asking yourself how are we connected? My own history intersects with Rwanda from before I was married to Kevin and in a more spiritual way through my own devotion to Mary.

My father was very good friends with Father **René Laurentin**, a renowned French theologian.

He was a frequent guest in our home and I had the opportunity to participate in many discussions he had with my parents as well as long car rides with him up to Boston where he taught in a seminary. I learned so much from him! When he began to investigate the messages coming out of Rwanda, Africa which began in 1982, he spent many hours sharing his observations and interviews with the visionaries as he began to write his book in French.

Father Laurentin is widely recognized as an expert in the field of Mariology and is the author of numerous books and scholarly articles on topics including Marian apparitions such as Lourdes and Medjugorje; visionaries and mystics including Bernadette Soubirous, Thérèse de Lisieux, Catherine Labouré, and Yvonne Aimée de Malestroit; as well as biblical exegesis, theology, and Vatican II.

Father Laurentin was nominated to serve in the Pontifical International Marian Academy (l'Académie pontificale mariale internationale). In the early 1960s he served as a consultant to the Preparatory Theological Commission of the Second Vatican Council and authored parts of the Marian doctrine in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church of Vatican II.

In 1986, I was honored when he asked me to help with the typing of his manuscript from French to English on the apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho as they were happening in Rwanda Africa. This was 10 years before the genocide in Rwanda and Our Lady had warned the people to pray as she indicated that there would be massive violence with rivers of blood and time of unbearable persecution. She urged the villagers to pray together and seek peace.

Years later, these events which had been prophesized by the Mother of God in Kibeho Africa came to pass. Young Immaculée was living in the horror of its reality.

She chronicled her experience in an amazing book *LEFT TO TELL: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust in 2007*, I was personally moved by her account of suffering and redemption. Given my life's work helping reconcile parents and children in the abortion holocaust, I was struck by the similarities between a culture immersed in bloodshed where neighbors turned against neighbors as the blood thirst insanity of violence and human destruction swept the land and was accepted.

I wrote to Immaculee to share that we had a method to heal this grief and pain and I wanted to connect with her. Given my history with Father Laurentin's book and my knowledge of everything he had witnessed in Rwanda and the work I had done with his book, I felt very connected with the story and the visionaries; I felt a strong call to share our healing ministry in a place that had endured so much bloodshed and horror.

When Rachel's Vineyard first began in Russia, the first retreat was held in Magadan where thousands of people had died in the Siberian prison camps. I knew that grace can abound in the blood of the innocent when Christ comes to fill the suffering and respond to the prayers of those who weep with his healing and redemption. The suffering and prayers of martyrs have their impact in time... We have been witnesses to this reality.

Now the perfect time has finally come to launch a healing program in Rwanda! Just as those who spent a decade in prison are being released, the memories of trauma will be activated. In God's perfect time, two years ago, I had the blessing to personally meet Immaculee when we attended Our Lady of Kibeho together on Broadway. I was introduced by my dear friend Father John McHale who bought us both tickets. (He will be on the pilgrimage with us this year!) He has been to Rwanda many times and is a good friend of Immaculee. In fact, he was in Rwanda to concelebrate her marriage in Kibeho in August 2011. Father John was coincidentally my pastor up in the mountains where I spent a lot of time as I recovered from Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy in 2011. Father John helped me when I was in a wheelchair and cheered me on throughout my rehab as he accompanied me on bike rides and hiking throughout my entire ordeal as I struggled to rebuild my balance and muscles. In my sickness, he visited frequently and bought me sacraments and spiritual counsel through some very intense suffering. In fact, throughout that entire period of sleepless nights and physical and emotional pain, I prayed the 7 sorrows of the rosary for hundreds of hours with Immaculee's voice on a CD that was given to me by Sr. Geralyn who serves on Rachel's Vineyard in Hawaii. It's such a small world with spiritual treasures passing hands as the holy spirit binds and connects, preparing us for the work to come !!!

Father John is retired now so his next mission has begun as he dedicates his time working with Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace Ministries. Father John is spearheading an effort to bring our newest program for healing Genocide, Terrorism and Civil War to be piloted in Rwanda. The retreat is entitled "Genocide to Genesis." We ask for your prayers for this special mission.

In the meantime, your in the New York area or can travel there, it will be great to see you at Immaculee's retreat on April 2, 2016! See the flyer below for detailed information.



A Retreat of Healing & Hope with Immaculee

Divine Mercy New York City Retreat, April 2, 2016

Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
325 East 33rd Street
New York, N.Y. 10016

Dr. Theresa Burke will be with Immaculee to witness to the transformation experienced by abuse victims through Jesus' Divine healing power in the Grief to Grace Ministry.

All retreat participants will be given a t-shirt and a gift bag with assorted Immaculee merchandise valued over \$100

Enjoy a prayer filled day of retreat with Immaculee in New York City April 2, 2016!
Limited Availability

Registration online: www.immaculee.biz/retreats

For more information contact: Cathy McLaughlin cwmc27@gmail.com

Registration 04/02 8:00-8:30 am

8:30 am - 10:00 am: Session 1
10:00 am - 10:30 am: Break
10:30 am - 12:00 pm: Session 2
12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Session 3
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Break
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm: Session 4
4:15 pm - 4:30pm: Break
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm: Session 5

**“Christ is not valued at all
unless He is valued above all.”
~ St. Augustine**

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Training Events

Lansing, MI - Clinical Training

On March 18, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a Clinical Training that is open to the public, covering topics pertaining to Post Abortion Trauma and Healing. For more information please email Nlc@resurrectionlansing.org.

Binghamton, NY - Grief to Grace/Rachel's Vineyard Clinical Training

April 1, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a Clinical Training that is open to the public covering topics pertaining to trauma associated with Abuse and Abortion. Those interested in Grief to Grace or Rachel's Vineyard are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact: Pamela Ludwig at Ludwigpe@gmail.com

Rome, Assisi & Medjugorje Pilgrimage on April 10-22, 2016

Dr. Theresa Burke will attend a Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Medjugorje. She would like to invite anyone who has attended a Rachel's Vineyard retreat to attend this pilgrimage with her. This includes but is not limited to those who are members of a Rachel's Vineyard team. This Pilgrimage is being hosted by Totally Yours Pilgrimages. For more information please contact Guy Murphy, Monica-Pia, Beth, Linda, Jackie or Colleen at 1- 630-279-8424 or click here http://www.totallyyourspilgrimages.com/totally_live_upload_version_066.htm

Chipley, FL – Clinical Training

On May 20, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a Clinical Training that is open to the public, covering topics pertaining to Post Abortion Trauma and Healing. For more information please email shiellerdN@cc.ptdiocese.org.

Hobart, Australia - Conference, Clinical and General Trainings

On May 30, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will attend the National Conference. There will be a meet and greet for all Delegates.

On May 31, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will hold a training for the National Conference. This is open to all Care agencies, hospitals, schools, School of Psychology.

On June 1, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will hold a pastoral conference. This is open to the Clergy and Religious.

On June 2, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will present an overview of Rachel's Vineyard and Grief to Grace. This event is open to the public.

For more information please contact Anne at info@griegtograceaus.org.au.

Peru – Team Training

On August 2-4, 2016 Dr. Theresa Burke will be in Peru to hold a South American Rachel's Vineyard Team Conference.

For more information please contact Eugenia Hadley at Mena4481@aol.com.



**“O soul steeped in darkness,
Do not despair.
All is not yet lost.
Come and confide in your God,
Who is love and mercy.”
~ Saint Faustina**



Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Santiago, Dominican Republic

Contact: Desireé Ochoa (809)865-7973

uttakon@gmail.com

Language: Spanish

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Seattle/Western Washington, WA

Contact: Valerie Jacobs 800-822-HOPE

valeriepr@aol.com

Contact: (Español) Marisela 206-450-7814

valeriepr@aol.com

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Note: Retreat held in Seabeck, WA.

Providence, RI

Contact: Spanish Contact: Loren Duhamel 401-742-1510

Contact: Spanish Contact: Rosa Moreno 401-688-4687

Contact: Carol Owens 401-421-7833 x218

rachelsvineyard@dioceseofprovidence.org

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Santa Rosa/St. Helena, CA

Contact: Valerie Fish 707-967-1101

rachelsvineyard@gmail.com

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Spokane, WA

Contact: Julie Olson 509-994-4355

spokanerv@gmail.com

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Note: Location: Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Litchfield, CT

Contact: Marie Laffin 203-631-9030

mlaffin@prolifeministry.org

Friday, March 04, 2016

Sunday, March 06, 2016

Madison, WI

Contact: Mary Mead 608-221-9593

meadmt@sbcglobal.net

Contact: Mary Mead 608-821-3177

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Friday, March 04, 2016

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