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*Healing the Pain of Abortion*  
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## A Grandmother's Story of the Traumatic Abortion of Her Grandchild and the Priest Who Helped the Family Heal By Kevin Burke

I begged my daughter Lisa not to have the abortion.

I called my Parish Priest, Fr. Dominick. He rushed to the hospital to try and persuade Lisa to change her mind. Father gave her a rosary blessed by Pope John Paul, and spoke of what a gift this child would be to the family.

Lisa walked away from the priest in tears and went into the procedure room to allow the doctors and nurses to end the life of my grandchild.

I cannot explain the level of grief and anger that flooded my heart and soul. I was filled with rage at the hospital and all involved with the procedure.

But I was most hurt by my daughter going through with the abortion even after I pleaded with her to give life to this child.

### Reaching Out from the Pain

My mother and father have always been very close to my children and they were aware of the abortion. They were deeply grieved by the loss of their great-grandchild and heartbroken for Lisa.

When my mother learned of the abortion she prayed immediately and asked her deceased dad to receive the baby since the child died on my grandfather Adam's birth date.

Shortly after the abortion I went to talk to Fr. Dominick. After I shared my pain, he suggested I consider a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend, a program of emotional and spiritual healing for individuals and families suffering after abortion loss.

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat was a powerful experience of healing and went to the heart of my post abortion trauma and grief.

The weekend helped me to find peace and closure. I formed a number of close friendships from that weekend and the follow up support group meetings.

During this period I would pray during Eucharistic Adoration and beg Jesus to call my daughter to healing. I could see how she was suffering terribly after the abortion.

She knew of my Rachel's Vineyard experience and my friends from the retreat. Lisa would react with cynicism and mock my "abortion friends." But beneath that defensive behavior, she was hurting and in need of healing.

### **A Miracle Unfolds**

Six months after the abortion, my son asked Lisa to be the Godmother of his baby boy. This event triggered a release of her pent up post abortion grief and pain and Lisa suffered a nervous breakdown requiring hospitalization.

She recovered from the breakdown, but remained deeply wounded.

Two years after the abortion she met a man with an abortion in his history. He encouraged her to consider the Rachel's Vineyard weekend. When Lisa told me she was considering making a retreat, I was overjoyed.

I was blessed to be able to attend the memorial service on Sunday of my daughter's weekend when participants honor the children with a special ceremony and Mass.

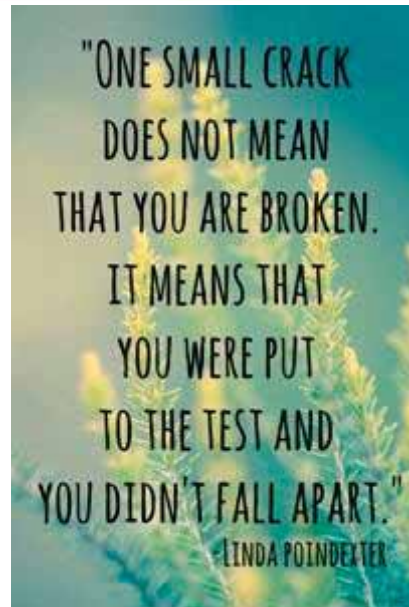
When I opened the memorial service program I looked over the list of names of the babies being entrusted to the Lord. I knew right away the name Lisa had given my grandchild – Dominick Leonard.

Lisa named the baby after the priest, Fr. Dominick who had been so kind to her and who tried to stop the abortion – and after the abortion continued to reflect the love and mercy of Christ to my daughter. She gave the baby the middle name of Leonard after my dad, who Lisa loves dearly.

This memorial service was deeply painful but it was the suffering of the cross, with the faith and hope of the resurrection. We trust that Dominic is alive with the Lord. We grieved and honored the child together. This was a time of grace and healing of our relationship which had been so deeply damaged by the abortion.

For the next 6 years I had the privilege of serving in various capacities on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offered by the Archdiocese of Newark. I encourage any grandparent suffering after the loss of a grandchild to abortion to consider if a healing program would help you find peace and bless your family.

– Leann Domico-Vasquez



## General Practice based Crisis Pregnancy Support in New Zealand



*Hemaima Hughes (left) and Cushla Hassan*

New Zealand has a population of around 4.5 million. We are a culturally diverse country with a growing population. Our indigenous Māori people make up 15% of the population, complemented by European (74%), Asian (12%), Pacific Islanders (7%), and other ethnicities. (1)

For some years we have had a concerning abortion rate with many in our community suffering the effects of this. In recent years, more is being done to address this and we have seen some improvement in rates, though these are still very high (current general abortion rate 14.2 per 1000 women in fertile years). (2) Several services have sprung from a community desire to see better alternatives offered to women and their families.

One of these is Crisis Pregnancy Support, also known by its Māori name; Hapai Taumaha Hapūtanga.

This is a free service, offered within a Family Medical Practice, St Luke's Health Centre in Nelson. Care coordinators meet with each woman to explore the difficulties, which make their pregnancy a time of crisis. They encourage and help tailor care, meeting unmet needs so that continuing the pregnancy is an option the woman can choose. We also provide linkage to services for post-abortion grief, including Rachael's Vineyard Retreats, the Buttons Project and Post Abortion Trauma Healing Service.

The outcomes have been excellent for the hundreds of women, who have come through this exciting service, since its inception in 2001 and interest in this model of care is growing in New Zealand, with the potential to replicate it elsewhere.

Crisis Pregnancy Support has become a health sector leader in this area and recently offered a Hauroa Hui (Māori for Health Meeting), inviting interested health professionals to discuss unplanned pregnancies and become better informed about the services available in our community to help women and their families. A particular focus was on those more vulnerable women from ethnic minorities, those who are suffering from mental health issues and those at the extremes of age. The Hui was booked to maximum capacity by a wide variety of professionals and it was very well received.

**The following is a report of this Hui, published in the New Zealand Nurses Journal (Kai Tiaki):**

MORE THAN 120 nurses, midwives, GPs, obstetricians, social workers, counsellors, researchers and representatives from district health boards (DHBs), government agencies, non-governmental organisations, Māori health providers and faith communities gathered in Nelson last month for a hui on providing support to vulnerable pregnant women.

Organised by Crisis Pregnancy Support/Hapai Taumaha Haputanga, a trust established to support women facing an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy; it was aimed at fostering greater collaboration among all groups providing services to such women.

The trust's clinical nurse manager Cushla Hassan said the trust had six acute response care coordinators, all of whom are health professionals, and 30 community volunteers who help women navigate services, provide home-based support, as well as transport, meals and general support.

The women they helped were of different ages and ethnicities, and included those struggling with housing – "some are couch surfing" – violent relationships, drug use and psychiatric illness. "There is a lot of chaos and dysfunction but there is also a lot of joy as these women become empowered and feel more resourceful," Cushla Hassan said.

The trust's medical director, Nelson GP Joseph Hassan, said there was increasing community support for the trust. The majority of referrals – about 50 a year – were from GPs but Women's Refuge, midwives, women themselves and other services also made referrals. "The key need for these women is to feel safe.



Once they feel safe, they can become connected to community supports, to education and to friends,” he said. The trust did not take over the medical or midwifery/nursing care of the women; rather it was addressing the social determinants of health, he said.

The trust’s Māori nurse liaison educator, Hemaima Hughes, asks Māori women contemplating termination a number of questions, including: What about your mother’s mokupuna? What about the future? “I tell them of the wrap-around-services the trust can provide. This is important mahi,” she said.

Hughes outlined the Māori understandings of timatanga – beginnings. Wairua – spirituality – is implanted during pregnancy and maintains the link between the pepi and Te Atua. The mauri or life force determines the pepi’s characteristics.

Maternity social workers at Nelson Hospital presented on the DHB’s vulnerable pregnant women’s pathway. A maternity social worker was the one point of contact for the multiple agencies that may be involved with a woman’s care. Case co-ordination was essential, as was a safety plan for the mother and baby.

The principal of Nelson’s Young Parents School, one of 23 throughout the country, Philippa Trewavas, said its campus was on a primary school, which also hosted a kindergarten. The school has two teachers, a social worker for 15 hours a week and a health nurse, who visits once a week.

Other presenters included a nurse from the DHB’s addiction services, Karen Scifleet, who said women would not tell the truth about their substance use during pregnancy, if they felt they would be judged. Her role was to link women with services.

The manager of Nelson Hospital’s maternity unit, Lois McTaggart, said the rate of maternal suicide in New Zealand was one of the highest in Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries and the national perinatal and maternity mortality review committee had recommended recently that each DHB establish a maternal mental health referral pathway. •

*Report by co-editor Teresa O’Connor*

St Luke’s Health Centre is a Christian centre, placing high value on the Hippocratic tradition of medical practice. Apart from Crisis Pregnancy Support we also offer teaching in the Billings Ovulation Method of natural fertility awareness. We are a teaching practice for the Royal NZ College of GPs and are currently expanding the centre to allow greater room for the growing Crisis Pregnancy Support service and for teaching students and Registrars.

#### References

1. Statistics NZ 2013 Census
2. Statistics NZ, Abortion Statistics, Year ended Dec 2015

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**“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”**

**- Anne Frank**



## **A Message from the Pastoral Director**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On March 27th, we observed the one year anniversary of the death of Mother Angelica, who founded the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

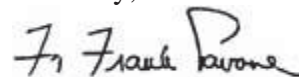
I wanted to take this occasion to recall how much she did for Rachel's Vineyard Ministries. By opening up her network to Rachel's Vineyard and Priests for Life, she brought our joint work to the attention of literally hundreds of millions of people in over 140 countries and territories. Through interviews with Dr. Theresa Burke, with Kevin, with me, and with other members of our ministry teams, as well as through the series she personally asked me to start -- *Defending Life* -- for which we are taping the 32nd season this month, many people have come to know of the healing available through the Rachel's Vineyard retreats.

In the coverage EWTN gives to the March for Life and other pro-life events, Rachel's Vineyard is frequently mentioned on screen and by the commentators.

And Mother Angelica herself, in the many programs on which she interviewed me personally, never once failed to mention the pain of the women and men who have lost children to abortion, and the healing available through God's mercy. In fact, when she was having the Shrine in Hanceville, AL built, she told me that she wanted it to be a place where people could find healing from abortion.

So Rachel's Vineyard has much to be thankful for, and Mother Angelica deserves much credit for connecting people to this ministry. May her memory and teaching continue to inspire all of us to proclaim the Gospel of Life and Mercy.

Sincerely,



Fr. Frank Pavone

Pastoral Director, Rachel's Vineyard

National Director, Priests for Life

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."  
~ James Keller

## An Easter Appeal

As the joy of the Easter season fills our hearts, take a moment to think of those who are seeking God's mercy and healing power. Your generous donations make it possible for Rachel's Vineyard to share the healing power of the Resurrected Christ with those lost in the darkness of the pain of abortion.

Here's how to make a donation:

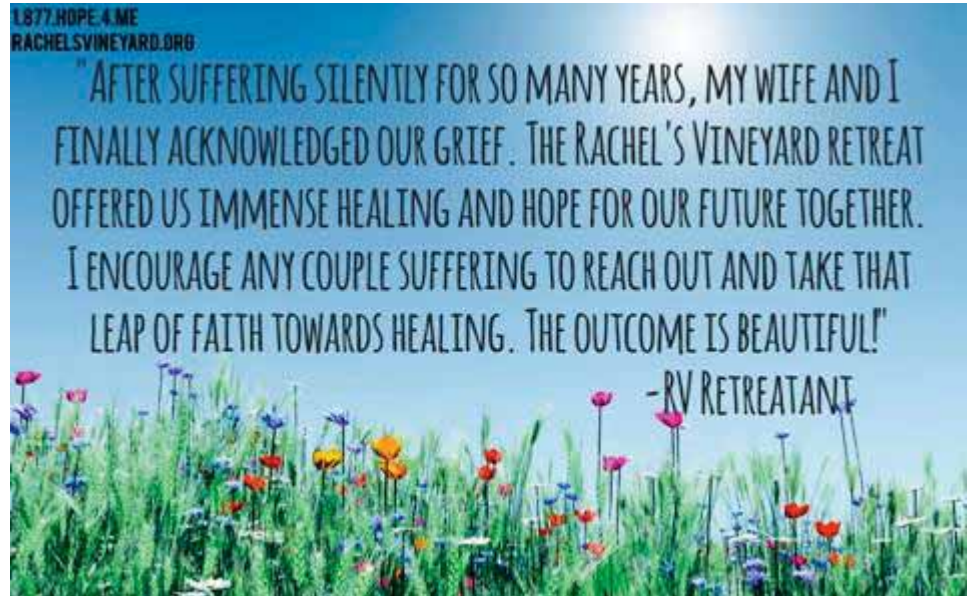
Online: [www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org/donate)

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## 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!

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YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard](http://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard)

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Instagram: [www.instagram.com/rvhealing](http://www.instagram.com/rvhealing)

"Kindness is like snow -  
It beautifies everything it covers."  
~ Kahlil Gibran


### United in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of **Fr. Raphael Eagle's** soul. Fr. Raphael has been a regular Rachel's Vineyard team priest on retreats in Forth Worth, TX. Site leader Betsy Kopor writes: "Before we met he was a mission priest in South America for 22 years. He had a great love and a good understanding of the Hispanic community and they loved him. And here in Fort Worth he worked with sick children at Cook's. He was a team priest on our Spanish retreats for several years, and was well loved by our team and our participants. When he was recently moved to the northeast part of the diocese, he retired from the team, but still kept in touch with me and Macaria and the ministry, and continued to pray for Rachel Ministries. He will be sorely missed. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace."




Please pray for the priest from Rachel's Vineyard Germany, **Fr. Manfred**. He had a heart attack, the doctors say, he will need surgery to get several bypasses. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for **Jeff, Joy Betsch Crimmins**, Rachel's Vineyard Leader from PA's brother. Jeff had extensive surgery recently to repair his 5th hernia in 7 years. The surgery took 7 hours. After a ct scan they found another hernia. The complication is that after so much damage over the years there is nothing to attach mesh to so it will be attached to his ribs. He is out of options. His spirits were low to begin with and he is pretty devastated right now. Please pray for a complete healing.



**"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."**  
~ C.S. Lewis



**Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats**  
Healing the Wounds of Abuse  
Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity  
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**Houston, TX (Non-Denominational)**

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**Northern Ireland, UK**

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May 7-12, 2017

**Tasmania, Australia**

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March 26-31, 2017

**Kelowna, BC, Canada**

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September 30-October 5, 2018

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July 9-14, 2017

October 1-6, 2017

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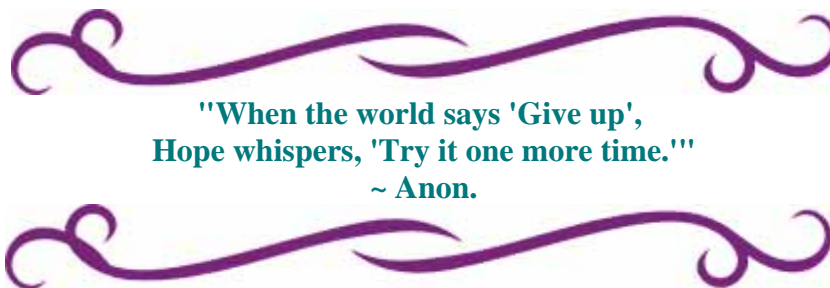
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Call: Nueava Alianza – 503 22987000

May 25-28, 2017

August 17-20, 2017

November 9-12, 2017



"When the world says 'Give up',  
Hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.'"  
~ Anon.

## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Training Events

On Sunday April 2, 2017, Dr. Theresa Burke will conduct a Rachel's Vineyard Leadership training for practitioners from Australasian retreat teams, including retreat facilitators, teams, and administration and ancillary staff and volunteers.

For more information, please email: [petermaher@hotmail.com](mailto:petermaher@hotmail.com)

On Saturday September 9, 2017, Dr. Theresa Burke will be the Keynote speaker at the Gulf Coast Mercies 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner in Houston, TX.

For more information contact: Susan Racciato at [Sue@gulfcoasthealing.org](mailto:Sue@gulfcoasthealing.org)

On March 17-18, 2018, Theresa and Kevin Burke will hold a Clinical, Clergy, and Rachel's Vineyard Team Training in Tucson, Arizona.

For more information contact: Gail Phelps at [rachelsvineyardtucson@cox.net](mailto:rachelsvineyardtucson@cox.net).



"We may be overlooked by others,  
but we are handpicked by God."  
~ Lysa Terkeurst



## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

### **Baltimore County (Interdenominational), MD**

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