

Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference July 18-21, 2011

Course Descriptions Speaker Bios CD Order Form

Course Descriptions

Monday, July 18th, 2011

10:15-10:45

Teaming Up with Silent No More

Presenter: Janet Morana, Georgette Forney, Fr. Frank Pavone

This General Session will feature Fr. Frank, Janet and Georgette explaining the benefits of partnering with the Campaign. They will explain how Silent No More and Rachel's Vineyard can create a powerful one-two punch in breaking down the misconceptions about abortion. They will also discuss how together RV & SNM can reach out to various audiences to build additional partnerships with churches, priests, doctors and social workers.

10:45-11:45 Keynote

The Biblical Concept of Healing

Presenter: Fr. Frank Pavone

This address will explore, from a Biblical perspective, what "healing" is, and how God provides it. Both doctrine and history show us that God heals his people, in body and spirit, and uses the mediation of others to do so. This session will explore various

dimensions of healing, as well as distortions of the concept, and how Rachel's Vineyard Ministries implements the authentic healing that Christ brings.

1:30- 2:45

Track: Introduction

How to Start a Rachel's Vineyard site

Presenter: Lori Eckstine

This informational workshop is for those who have already begun the process of becoming a new site, or those contemplating starting a site.

Track: Clinical

Crash Course in Trauma

Presenter: Theresa Burke

This seminar will present a trauma-sensitive perspective on how women cope with pregnancy loss after induced abortion. Symptoms of PTSD as they relate to abortion will be described. An examination of how trauma may impact memory will be explored. Since repetition is one of the greatest indicators of trauma, knowledge of traumatic reenactment will be a valuable tool for helping to understand behaviors which re-create aspects of the original trauma such as powerlessness, destruction, fear, and shame. Until the trauma is fully acknowledged and worked through in an intensive way, individuals will continue to re-create the conflict again and again. This can be particularly painful for those who have accepted Christ, but continue in compulsive self-destructive and shaming behaviors, which are rooted in trauma.

Track: Outreach and Publicity

The Wider Vineyard: Do Post-Abortion Healing and Pro-life Activism Mix?

Presenter: Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet Morana

This session will explore the crucial role of Rachel's Vineyard within the pro-life movement, and how healing the wound of abortion helps to end abortion. It will explore some of the common misunderstandings between those who work in post-abortion healing and those who work in various pro-life organizations. Likewise, it will explore how promotion of the healing ministry helps the pro-life movement to grow in all its dimensions.

Track: Special Interest

Breast Cancer and Abortion Link

Presenters: Eve Silver Sanchez

Medical Research Analyst Eve Sanchez-Silver presents a clear perspective on presenting the abortion-breast cancer link. A former Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

advisory council member, she explains the financial affair between Komen and Planned Parenthood, and their global plans for abortion promotion world-wide.

Track: Silent No More

Attend: Crash Course in Trauma

Presenter: Theresa Burke

3:00-4:15

Track: Introduction

Team Formation

Presenter: Lori Eckstine

This informational workshop will cover all aspects of team formation including screening new members, training and dealing with issues that arise.

Track: Clinical

Understanding Repeat Abortions

Presenter: Dr. Theresa Burke

This seminar will explain how and why patterns of repeat pregnancy and abortion are indicators of unresolved trauma. The individual may continue to re-create aspects of the original loss through grief, powerlessness, destruction, and cycles of shame. These repetitions can be rooted in a traumatic abortion as well as previous sexual abuse and other wounds. Until the grief of the past is fully acknowledged and worked through, individuals will continue to re-create the original conflict again and again. Learn how to assist others in identifying and grieving their losses in order to free their soul to move beyond the pain and despair of repetition.

Track: Special Interest

Heart Cries: The Roots of Slavery and the Holocaust of Abortion

Presenter: Dr. Karen Stevenson

The institution of chattel slavery in America gave rise to deep-seated traumas that, generations later, continue to reverberate throughout Black America. One such issue that African- American women continue to wrestle with is motherhood. Black women's sexuality and reproductive status has been fraught with mythology, misunderstanding and exploitation, but the cries of the wounded have long gone unheard. This workshop will delve into the historical roots of Black America's collective Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and how it has especially impacted its women. It will explore the shocking effects of maternal-fetal conflict, both during and after slavery, and how it is manifested in the alarmingly high rates of abortion in the African-American community today. This workshop will focus on the healing process, and how those who champion life can join together to usher in a revolution of healing.

Track: Silent No More

The 411 of Testimonies!

Presenter: Georgette Forney and Janet Morana

This workshop will examine the function of testimony in the healing process, and then look at the impact testimonies have in reaching others who are hurting, and conclude with practical guidance to help others prepare a heart-felt testimony.

4:30-5:30

Networking Sessions

Networking with Project Rachel

Presenter: Fr. Frank Pavone

This roundtable is an opportunity for those working with Project Rachel to network, share ideas and collaborate in helping spread the Vineyard.

Networking with Interdenominational Groups

Presenter: Cheryl Ryan

This roundtable is an opportunity for those working in Interdenominational sites to network, share ideas and collaborate in helping spread the Vineyard.

Networking with Spanish Sites

Presenters: Eugenia Hadley and Fr. Victor Salomon

This roundtable is an opportunity for those working in Spanish sites to network, share ideas and collaborate in helping spread the Vineyard.

Roundtable Discussion–How to Expand Your Silent No More Team

Presenter: Georgette Forney and Janet Morana

Every wonder how you can get more people to be silent no more with you? This interactive forum will feature discussion, brainstorming and encouragement as we join together to consider recruiting tactics for those who have attended healing programs. Discussion will also focus on engaging the various audiences that need to hear the Silent No More Awareness Campaign message. Learn from one another to see what has worked, what hasn't, and what new ideas we can come up with together!

7:00-8:00

New Manual Exchange and Discussion

Presenters: Kevin and Theresa Burke, Katie D'Annunzio and Fr. Frank Pavone

In this session the new Catholic manual changes will be addressed. There will be instructions on how to use the new manual and questions will be taken at this time.

Devotion in Motion

Presenter: Kathleen Corrigan

This class will look at dance and movement as a form of prayer. We will meditate on scripture while simultaneously learning to express our emotions and spirituality through improvised movement and keeping Christ as our focus and inspiration. The class will focus on making a true sacrifice of ourselves to God not only through our movement, but also through our everyday ministry. Please be sure to wear loose and comfortable clothing that you can move in.

8:00-10:00

Marketplace of Ideas

This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and retreat innovations with friends from the Vineyard. Come prepared to share and demonstrate things that work well and exchange ideas on what you find helpful on retreats!

9:00-10:00

The Catholic View for Women

Presenters: Janet Morana and Teresa Tomeo

Come join Tersea Tomeo & Janet Morana for a viewing of one of the Episodes of The Catholic View for Women! The Title of the show is: "Contraception Deception!"

Show Highlights:

- Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, and theologian Dr. Janet Smith, of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, give an overview of the problems with artificial contraception and the history of birth control.
- Dr. Lanfranchi gives details about the connection between cancer and "The Pill," which was classified as a Group One carcinogen.
- Co-hosts look at Church teaching regarding artificial contraception and the predictions of Pope Paul VI in Humanae Vitae.
- Co-hosts chat about their own journeys in coming to understand what and why the Church teaches regarding artificial contraception.

Tuesday, July 19th, 2011

9:30-11:00 Keynote

Media Training

Presenter: Teresa Tomeo

Myths and misinformation abound in media coverage of pro-life issues. The blatant media bias combined with the constant stream of violent programming and sexually promiscuous messages from Hollywood, TV programming, and the music industry make for a hostile environment for pro-life messages as well as add to the overall desensitization as it relates to the dignity of the human person. Yet it's crucial for pro lifers to realize that we ignore the media at our own peril. Through her media training and consulting sessions, media expert and veteran newswoman Teresa Tomeo, offers strategies on how to not only respond to the media madness but to learn how to promote the pro-life message through both secular and Christian media outlets. Teresa's sessions include: A look inside the newsroom to help pro lifers understand the daily decision making process. Mock radio, TV, and print interviews and critiques: real life scenarios to help you and your pro-life leaders gain confidence in front of the cameras and microphones. No-nonsense strategies for getting and staying connected to media managers as well as getting your stories covered. Dos and Don'ts of media interviewing. Development and delivering of story ideas. Writing and sending press releases. Sage advice on how to maximize coverage on Christian and conservative talk media outlets.

11:00-12:00

Track: Introduction

Rachel's Vineyard Overview

Presenters: Theresa Burke

This session is for those who are new to the ministry. Theresa will provide a comprehensive overview of post-abortion healing through Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

Track: Clinical

Contraception: It's Implications for Rachel's Vineyard

Presenter: Ellen Curro

This session will provide an understanding of conception, fertilization, implantation and abortifacients. We will explore the impact of grief surrounding abortifacients and how we serve those who call Rachel's Vineyard wanting help after contraceptive losses.

Track: Outreach and Publicity
The Media Influence on the Culture of Death
Presenter: Teresa Tomeo

When most people think of the media and its consistent promotion of the culture of death, they sometimes limit the spin doctors to the news media alone. But as Teresa Tomeo points out in this eye-opening presentation, the corruptive campaign promoting abortion, birth control, euthanasia, and sexual promiscuity is insidious. The media have crept into virtually every area of the culture and our lives. Teresa shows us the depth of this problem and how we can engage rather than give in to the culture of death.

Track: Special Interest
Mission, Message and Ministry for the Service of Life
Presenter: Msgr. Mike Mannion

A presentation and reflection on the role of faith in the mission to proclaim, nurture and save lives; the role of message to carry forth the meaning of life, and the role of ministry to heal and strengthen lives.

Track: Silent No More
Attend: The Media Influence on the Culture of Death
Presenter: Teresa Tomeo

1:30-2:45

Track: Introduction
Team Dynamics
Presenter: Cindy Dillard

In a perfect world, all ministry teams would function harmoniously and effortlessly. However in reality teams are uniquely challenged both interpersonally and spiritually. This workshop will focus on the primary characteristics of healthy teams and address key areas where teams often struggle. With a focus on relevant psychological concepts, we'll forge ahead with one of the stickiest aspects of all human endeavors: getting along with each other! Come to this training and find ways to improve your team experience.

Track: Clinical
Resolving Guilt and Shame; Restoring Hope
Presenter: Fr. Peter Maher

Peter will help participants to understand the difference between healthy guilt and shame and unhealthy guilt and shame and how to identify these within yourself and others. He will critically analyze the value of these responses to events in our lives and especially the effect these responses have on people suffering post abortion stress. This workshop will offer a gentle opportunity for participants to explore for themselves their own

feelings, emotions and responses. Peter will offer an effective method of reflection allowing participants time to resolve guilt and shame and find self-forgiveness which is a necessary step towards God's forgiveness. Participants will be encouraged to share but only as much as they wish

Track: Outreach and Publicity

Redeeming a Father's Heart

Presenters: Kevin Burke

Too often abortion is presented as a women's issue without taking into account the unique role of men in the abortion decision/experience and the impact of abortion on men. Fathers of aborted children are widely misrepresented as having no negative reactions to their involvement with abortion.

Track: Special Interest

Eggsploitation

Presenter: Video and Discussion

The infertility industry in the United States has grown to a multi-billion dollar business. What is its main commodity? Human eggs. Young women all over the world are solicited by ads—via college campus bulletin boards, social media, online classifieds—offering up to \$100,000 for their “donated” eggs, to “help make someone’s dream come true.” But who is this egg donor? Is she treated justly? What are the short- and long-term risks to her health? The answers to these questions will disturb you . . . Produced by The Center for Bioethics and Culture (Lines That Divide, 2009), Eggsploitation spotlights the booming business of human eggs told through the tragic and revealing stories of real women who became involved and whose lives have been changed forever. We can anticipate this unique grief surfacing in our work. Research shows that there are higher levels on surrogacy and egg donors following abortion. We can understand this issue as a traumatic re-enactment, but one that bears very heavy physical and medical consequences that impact future fertility.

Track: Silent No More

Public Speaking Delivery Techniques

Presenter: Guido and Susan Fetta

This High Impact Public Speaking series introduces participants to the art of powerful public speaking and focuses on the skills and techniques required for effective, high-impact presentations given to small and large groups. It's beneficial for those who give personal testimonials and also helpful for all types of presentations. It's offered in 3 sessions that include: effective platform skills, practice sessions, and critiques. Instructor feedback and coaching is provided for all participants. Instructional materials are provided for use in the sessions and for future reference.

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3:00-4:15

Track: Introduction

Prison Ministry in Short and Long Term Facilities

Presenter: Marjorie Long and Panel

This workshop will include a brief overview of how Rachel's Vineyard can be used in the prison system and how ministering to the inmates can be a beautiful experience. A panel will share their experiences with offering Rachel's Vineyard retreats in both long term (federal) and short term (state) facilities.

Track: Clinical

Facilitation Skills: The Power of the Present

Presenter: Theresa Burke

Learn a new facilitation technique that will help create a shift from powerful emotions by directing the focus of attention into the here and now. By giving a feeling the fullest attention, it loses its power and helps to bring the person into a peaceful relaxed state. This technique will help your retreat participants to connect and support each other from the first night of your retreat. This is a great technique that can be used throughout the retreat to help people stay in the present moment and connect to core feelings. It also promotes the expression of emotional truth that is frequently dissociated. It allows re-enforcement and practice of the small voice within, facilitating awareness, growth and response. This is an easy technique that can be utilized in different parts of the retreat.

*****This course is limited to retreat facilitators and or therapists only.**

Track: Outreach and Publicity

Cultivating the Seeds of Trust

Presenter: Kevin Burke

Post abortion healing traditionally has focused on the healing of the individual post abortive woman. However abortion creates a relational and spiritual wound. A healthy marital relationship is marked by a deep bonding between husband and wife with a foundational trust that leads to vibrant and satisfying emotional, spiritual, and physical intimacy. We will look at how the complicated grief and painful emotions from a previous abortion can impact intimacy, trust, and communication. Extra marital affairs are not uncommon for persons with abortion in their history-we will explore the reasons for this vulnerability.

Track: Special Interest
Understanding Issues with Control
Presenter: Lori Eckstine

In this ministry we see in others – in both team leaders and retreatants – a large percentage of controllers. This may be full blown controllers or tendencies to control. It can also be a fear-based, trauma-based, powerlessness-based way of living due to our past experiences. This workshop will explore the concept of control and how it can be handled within the context of Rachel's Vineyard.

Track: Silent No More
Equipping Team Silent No More
Presenter: Georgette Forney and Janet Morana

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign has a ton of practical resources to help Regional Coordinators become awesome RC's! Whether it's promoting the Campaign, presenting a talk to college students or reaching out to women in front of a clinic, this workshop will provide an overview of all the helpful resources you have to choose from!

4:30-5:30

Track: Introduction
Aftercare Resources for Rachel's Vineyard
Presenter: Panel/Amanda Miner

This workshop will examine a variety of aftercare resources for Rachel's Vineyard retreats. A panel will highlight resources and approaches that have worked best for their retreat site as well as things that did not work as well.

Track: Clinical
Facilitation Skills: Cooling the Flames of Anger
Presenter: Dr. Theresa Burke

In this session, we will review the fundamentals of creating a cognitive shift through anger work. An emotion usually represents an amplified thought pattern, and because of its often overpowering energetic charge, it is not easy initially to stay present enough to be able to watch it. It wants to take you over, and it usually succeeds - If you are pulled into unconscious identification with the emotion through lack of presence, which is normal, the emotion temporarily becomes "you." Often a vicious circle builds up between your thinking and the emotion: they feed each other. This technique helps to immediately ground the person. The value of focusing on emotions in the here and now, pulling out the core truth, and helping the individual expand beyond the limits of anger into the possibilities for transformation which can be discovered in grief, repentance and reconciliation.

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Track: Outreach and Publicity

How to Reach Out to Priests About Rachel's Vineyard

Presenter: Fr. Frank Pavone

This session will be a networking discussion with both priests and laity to address how we can inspire and encourage priests to promote and participate in Rachel's Vineyard. It will also explore some of the doctrinal and liturgical questions that can arise on retreats, especially related to the proper role of the priest.

Track: Special Interest

Fundraising

Presenter: With Denise Douglas and Colleen Miner and Panel

In this session, we will talk about fundraising tips and tricks that have both been successful and unsuccessful in Rachel's Vineyard ministries. Attend this session to receive and share your fundraising ideas.

Track: Silent No More

Seeding for the Next Season of Harvest

Presenter: Georgette Forney and Janet Morana

This workshop is designed to help the Silent No More Awareness Campaign prepare for the next season of growth and outreach. Each participant will contribute their personal observations of how the Campaign has positively impacted their life and the lives of others involved.

7:00-8:00

Reconciliation Service

Planned by: Amanda Miner

The reconciliation service will include an examination of conscience. There will be the opportunity following the service for the sacrament of confession. All are welcome to speak with a priest during this time.

8:00-9:00

Scriptural Rosary

Lead by: Bill Monteith, Sr. Geralyn Spaulding, Lourdes J. Delgado-Serrano, & Kay Marie Geiger.

This prayer experience is a beautiful way to pray the rosary with incorporated scripture passages to help you reflect more deeply on the mysteries of the rosary.

Devotion in Motion

Presenter: Kathleen Corrigan

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Wednesday, July 20th, 2011

8:30-9:30

Mass with Bishop Choby

10:00-10:50 Keynote

How to Lead Like Jesus

Presenter: Msgr. Mike Magee

This presentation considers Jesus as the model leader who possesses and exhibits both the right and the ability to influence the thoughts, decisions and actions of human being; yet his leadership has qualities that are strikingly new, especially when viewed against the background of the characteristics that the world often expects in leaders. We shall examine passages in the Gospel that show Jesus exercising leadership in some ways that are able to be emulated by those who exercise leadership in the Church and in other human organizations. A key component of the presentation is a consideration of the important distinction between *authority*, on the one hand, and *power*, on the other, with Jesus appearing before us as the supreme exemplar of both, as well as of the legitimate ways of exercising power in relation to others.

11:00-12:00

Track: Introduction

How to Develop Listening Skills

Presenter: Cindy Dillard

Listening well is not an innate ability. It is a learned skill and one that is rarely taught. Active listening involves more than simply using our ears. It requires all of our senses and comprises a complex set of skills and talents. Participation in the Rachel's Vineyard Ministries frequently necessitates that we listen to the pain and suffering of others as well as their joys and triumphs. This training will provide you with the basic underpinnings and tools for effective listening. In addition to didactic material this workshop will offer the opportunity to practice and sharpen our active listening skills for immediate application.

Track: Clinical

Trauma and the Brain

Presenter: Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

This seminar will explore how the brain works and what we know about how a brain malfunctions when there has been trauma. The right and left side of the brain are disconnected and normal cognitive processes are disrupted. We will explore the role of different brain functions and the neurological causes of post traumatic stress disorder as a

persistent deregulation of the brain chemistry. With these changes, arousing events can trigger flashbacks, physical symptoms, an inability to integrate cognitive and emotional experiences, and difficulty putting words to feelings and memories. Based on our understanding of the brain, we can explore recent research that indicates why trauma victims respond best to a sensory based treatment model.

Track: Outreach and Publicity

New Healing Resource for Men

Presenter: Rev. Scott Miller

Men suffering in abortion's aftermath are dealing with emotional issues such as anger, guilt, depression and grief. Lacking a place to share their experience they are left with a choice of various addictions to medicate their pain. House of Esau Ministries provides a venue where a man can share his abortion experience and receive genuine healing for the attendant emotional fallout. This workshop will describe the context for the birth of the House of Esau and the process the ministry involves.

Track: Silent No More

Attend: Trauma and the Brain

Presenter: Dr. Theresa Burke

1:30-2:45

Track: Introduction

Profundizando en el significado del Retiro "El Viñedo de Raquel"

Presenter: Fr. Victor Salomon and Eugenia Hadley

Esta presentación es para los Líderes y miembros de equipos en español, o alguna persona que quiera aprender mas, para que juntos lleguemos a profundizar en el verdadero sentido y significado de cada ejercicio del Viñedo. La presentación será dirigida por El Padre Víctor Salomon y Eugenia Hadley, en un ambiente de que todos podamos compartir nuestras experiencias, y aprender mutuamente.

Track: Clinical

The Ins and Outs of Intake

Presenters: Cindy Dillard

Conducting intake can be a daunting experience. Many of us, at some time, are in the position to take calls and inquiries from individuals who are interested in attending a retreat. Whether you are formally appointed as the intake coordinator of your site or you simply get stumped when someone approaches you in public about Rachel's Vineyard, this training can help you out! Today's workshop will address the numerous angles of intake and provide techniques and ideas for polishing up your intake process. In addition to the training aspect of this workshop, we will work as a group to identify and tackle difficult intake challenges specific to your site and experience.

Track: Outreach and Publicity

Facilitating Healing in the African American Community

Presenter: Minister Pamela Bell

This interactive training will explore the specific needs of the African American population, in regards to post abortion recovery. The discussion will include innovative outreach strategies and a self-assessment for you to test your cultural sensitivity. Participants will walk away from this training with a greater understanding on how to effectively reach across cultural lines.

Track: Special Interest

Understanding the Problem of Pornography, Part I

Presenter: Dr. Peter Kleponis

This talk focuses on the problem of pornography in our culture. It will touch on the following points: Current statistics on the magnitude of the pornography epidemic; Damage to men; Addictiveness of pornography; Root causes that lead to pornography use; Damage to women; How wives react to their husbands' pornography use; Damage to marriage and family; Damage to young men; Damage to young women; Damage to children; Who is enabling the pornography epidemic in America.

Track: Silent No More

Public Speaking Skill Improvement Workshop: Videotaped Presentations

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Track: Introduction

“Medical” Abortions: The deadly chemical assault on mother and child

Presenter: Dr. Theresa Burke

Both chemical and surgical abortions have their risks. However, chemical abortions seem to be setting new trends as the abortion of choice, touting fewer complications, convenience and privacy. But what is the reality? Not only are there serious physical consequences from the chemical assault, but there are also obvious psychological, moral

and social consequences to this procedure. Billed as an "emergency contraceptive," Ella is recommended for use up to five days after intercourse, while other chemical cocktails are recommended to abort babies up to nine weeks gestation. This workshop will examine the trauma associated with chemical abortions and some of the grief reactions that commonly occur. The goal of this workshop is to assist those who suffer from this type of abortion in the context of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. The material presented will be followed by a discussion and group sharing of cases we have witnessed on retreats, the unique and complicated form of grief and associated symptoms.

Track: Clinical

How to Minister to Retreatants with Mental Health Issues

Presenter: Denise Rowinski

This session will give an overview of mental health issues followed by discussion of pre-retreat screening, preparation, monitoring and intervention during the retreat.

Track: Outreach and Publicity

Maafa21

Presenters: Video and Discussion

A portion of the film Maafa21 will be showed followed by a discussion. Maafa21 is a film that discusses Black Genocide in 21st Century America. Due to the alarmingly high abortion rate in the African American community and the unique grief these women suffer it is important for Rachel's Vineyard teams to be aware of this to better serve them during the retreat. Many women also experience reproductive issues as well as sterilization as a result of their abortion which adds another dynamic to their grief.

Track: Special Interest

Treating the Pornography Problem, Part II

Presenter: Dr. Peter Kleponis

This is part two of Dr. Kleponis' talk on effective ways to deal with the pornography problem. This portion covers: Protecting children from pornography; Preparing teens to deal with a world full of pornography; Understanding the difference between a pornography problem and pornography addiction; Seven Point Plan for Recovery; Obstacles to healing; Responsible Parenting; The role of the Church.

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Track: Introduction

The Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy: Spiritual Aftercare for Holiness after Abortion

Presenter: Fr. Ben Cameron

This session will look at the concept and purpose of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy. It will also discuss how to use the Confraternity as an aftercare resource for Rachel's Vineyard

Track: Clinical

Understanding Early Pregnancy Loss in Miscarriage and Abortion

Presenter: Therese Burkette, R.N.

This workshop will offer attendees an understanding of the meaning of miscarriage and the various types defined in medical terminology. We will also examine possible causes, signs and symptoms of miscarriage. In relation to Rachel's Vineyard Retreats we will look at the differences and similarities of early pregnancy loss in miscarriage and abortion. Included in this presentation will be healing rituals and companioning concepts of hope. Please come and share your insights on this important subject.

Track: Outreach and Publicity

Is your Ministry Life-Giving or Life-Sucking?

Presenters: Dr. Theresa Burke

Does public speaking or ministry zap you of life, leaving you feeling drained, worn out and burdened – or does it give you a high, a feeling of excitement and pleasure? Ministry can serve as a traumatic re-enactment or as an escape from challenging problems at home. You can be driven by the need for atonement and compensation or you can be reliving an old drama again and again. In the best case scenario, your ministry can be a life-giving ministry which brings joy, friendship and love. The magic word here is "Balance." How do you discern if your ministry is in balance? Are you overdoing it because you can't say no or does your ministry work like a drug to hide other important areas which may need attention? This workshop will provide a thought provoking assessment so you can use your gifts for the long haul and avoid depression, burnout or a lack of balance.

Track: Special Interest

Beyond the Procedure: The Damaging Environment of the Abortion Clinic

Presenter: Fr. Frank Pavone

This session will explore the fact that the wounds inflicted by abortion extend beyond the procedure itself to the way in which women are treated by clinic staff and are put in danger by the lack of regulation that characterizes the abortion industry. The more we know about these dynamics, the better we will be able to minister healing on those specific wounds as we walk with people through the Rachel's Vineyard journey.

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7:00-8:00

TALENT SHOW – Get up and share your talents!

MC: Steven Burke

Thursday, July 21, 2011

9:00-10:45 Keynote

Living Scripture

Presenters: Kevin and Theresa Burke

10:45-11:00 Keynote

The Latin American Woman

Presenter: Eugenia Hadley

The work that we all are doing in RV will eventually touch the growing Latino population here in the United States. The agenda for this presentation includes an overview of the history of the Latin family, the culture and the values that make up their physical and emotional well-being, social status, and marriage versus ownership. It will also review the challenges that the Latin women face due to the emigration from their countries to this new world and environment of the United States. This presentation is a great tool for you to better serve the Latino women and men that will be coming to your ministries and retreats. Mexican candies will be served!

Meet the Speakers

Minister Pamela Bell, LCPC

Minister Pamela LaVeist Bell is a licensed, board certified psychotherapist and Founder of Serenity Pastoral Counseling & Consulting, LLC in Reisterstown, MD. Her unique approach to ministry draws upon her theological training, her clinical insight and much prayer. Minister Pam believes strongly in the power of prayer and she puts her trust in the scriptural truth – With GOD all things are possible! In July 2010, Min Pam and ‘The Healing Team’ opened a Rachel’s Vineyard Interdenominational site in the Greater Baltimore area. The site continues to be instrumental in bringing post abortion healing, especially to hurting persons in the African American community. Min Pam earned her master’s of science degree from Loyola University, Columbia MD and her completed ministerial training at New Psalmist Baptist Church Ministry Training School, under the leadership and guidance of Bishop Walter S. Thomas, Sr. Prior to starting her private practice, Min Pam served as a senior mental health therapist at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center Community Psychiatry Program. She has extensive counseling experience and she has contributed to many literary works. Minister Pam and her husband, Ray, migrated to Maryland from New York in 1999. They have been married for over 24 years and together they have raised four great children.



Therese Joy Burkett, RN



Therese Joy comes to us with over 22 years experience of working in the healthcare industry, with the past 13 years as a nurse at Lutheran Hospital Childbirth Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She has been recognized by hospital administration for going above and beyond the call of duty in her care giving. She is well acquainted with the highest joy and deepest sorrow that can occur. Being interested in compassionate caring for the family that suffers a loss and spiritual healing, she has attended international conferences in Canada and Bosnia, and stateside in Michigan, Florida, Ohio and Indiana to strengthen her skills. She completed the RTS Bereavement Training through Gundersen Lutheran Bereavement Services. Therese Joy was the chairman of the bereavement committee for 7 years. In 2007 she organized and orchestrated a state wide perinatal bereavement and loss conference attended by pastoral care, social services, nurses and student nurses. Therese Joy is active in the community in the pro-life arena as she has attended a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat and is a former board member of the Arch Angel Institute, which is a pro-life agency located in a former abortuary. She is currently on the local PBS community advisory board. She is a regular

volunteer at the local Catholic radio station. Therese Joy has been happily married for 28 years to Norman, and they have 4 children and one grandson. She and her husband are both Benedictine Oblates in affiliation with St. Meinrad Arch abbey in southern Indiana. In her free time she likes to read and travel. She has been a medical missionary to Bosnia and enjoyed visiting Europe, India and Sri Lanka. Therese Joy is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and firsthand experience along with examining the concept of miscarriage interwoven into Rachel Vineyard Retreats.

Kevin Burke, MSS, LSW

Kevin Burke is a licensed social worker, Co-Founder of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries and a Pastoral Associate of Priests For Life. He is a graduate of The Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work. Kevin's presentations address the effects of abortion on men, couples and families and effective post abortion ministry for Clergy and Counselors. The Rachel's Vineyard™ support group and retreat models are now offered in 48 states. The international outreach of Rachel's Vineyard is now growing in 25 countries with translations in progress for Japan and Korea. Over 700 retreats are held annually worldwide. Kevin is the co-author of "Redeeming A Father's Heart: Men Share Powerful Stories of Abortion Loss and Recovery" and "Sharing The Heart of Christ: Safe and Effective Post Abortion Ministry for Clergy and Counselors," co-authored with his wife Theresa Burke and Fr. Frank Pavone. Kevin and Theresa are authors of "Grief to Grace: A Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Sexual Abuse" and "Contemplating the Shroud: Meditations on the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus" (Pauline Books and Media). He has contributed to and authored articles on post-abortion healing. Kevin participates regularly in radio interviews, has been a guest on EWTN and Fr. Frank Pavone's program "Gospel of Life" on the Sky Angel Network. Kevin formerly served as the administrator of Mother's Home, a crisis pregnancy residence that provides housing, computer job training and programs for women and their children. Kevin also worked as a clinical social work supervisor for Catholic Social Services in Philadelphia. Kevin and his wife Theresa have worked together in marriage and family counseling and established Covenant Family Resources, a licensed children and youth agency that supports couples as they build families through adoption. They also spent 15 years working in youth ministry. Their development of high school retreats and youth programs earned them the "Apostle to Youth Award," which recognized their contribution to the spiritual growth of the teenagers in Philadelphia. Kevin's greatest blessing is his wife Theresa and their 5 wonderful children.



Theresa Burke, PhD, LPC, NCP, BCCP

Dr. Theresa Burke is the Founder of Rachel's Vineyard – the largest post abortion ministry in the world. Her healing programs offer a unique sensory based treatment which integrates emotional, psychological and spiritual dimensions. The healing journey uses creative "Living Scripture Exercises," and rituals which engage the mind body and soul. The Living Scriptures coupled with group activities, prayer, therapeutic facilitation, cognitive restructuring and



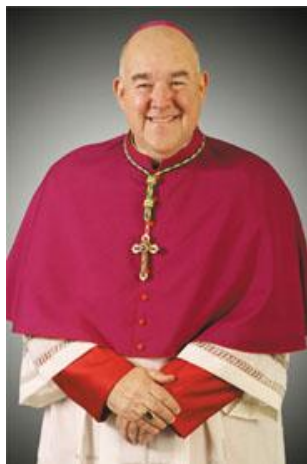
discussions offer an effective process for grief work grounded in Jesus Christ and the word of God. This distinct program provides an exceptional and effective recovery process for victims of trauma and those who have spent years in talk therapy, but still struggle to move beyond their traumatic experience. In the past 12 years, the Rachel's Vineyard model has spread to 48 states and to 35 countries. The Rachel's Vineyard retreat is currently offered in 10 languages, with another 5 translations in progress. Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry of Priests for Life/Gospel of Life Ministries. Theresa has facilitated the Rachel's Vineyard weekend for women and men throughout the country, training retreat teams in the method and process. She has lectured and trained professionals internationally on the subject of post-abortion trauma and healing. Her books include "Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion" with David C. Reardon (Acorn Books) and "The Contraception of Grief: The Genesis of Anguish Conceived by Abortifacients and Sterilization" and "Sharing the Heart of Christ," with Kevin Burke. Forbidden Grief is also available in Spanish, *Mujeres Silenciadas: Como se Explica el Sufrimiento de la Mujer que Aborta* (Sekotia) and Russian, *Запрещенные слезы. О чем не рассказывают женщины после аборта*. Theresa also developed a five day program for healing sexual abuse entitled – Grief to Grace – Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity. This program has been used to address all forms of abuse, including sexual abuse from clergy and religious. Professionally crafted and doctrinally sound, Grief to Grace provides professional therapeutic staff and all treatment is based on a firm Christian foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma. Her treatment programs are considered an intensive and uninterrupted "therapy for the soul." Theresa's latest treatment model addresses the spiritual and psychological trauma suffered by combat veterans. The program is entitled *Duty To Heal – Finding Peace and Wholeness for a Soldier's Heart*. Theresa serves as a Pastoral Associate of Priests for Life and for the newly formed Apostolic Society - Missionaries of the Gospel of Life. She is a frequent guest on EWTN and served as host of the television series *Making Abortion Rare*. She has appeared on PBS, the Religion and Ethics News Weekly, Focus on the Family, EWTN's *Defending Life* with Fr. Frank Pavone and has been interviewed for numerous radio, television, print magazine and news stories. Theresa recently presented as an expert for the 2011 Pontifical Academy of Life's General Assembly. Her topic was *The Aftermath of Abortion: Data from Scientific Literature*. Theresa's counseling work has focused on women's issues, bereavement, pregnancy loss, sexual abuse, eating disorders and anxiety management. She is the co-administrator and founder of Covenant Family Resources, a licensed Children and Youth Agency which supports couples as they build families through adoption. Theresa and her husband ran Mother's Home, a crisis pregnancy residence, which provided housing and computer job training for women in crisis pregnancy and their children. Theresa holds an undergraduate degree in English Communications with a concentration in social work. Theresa went on to Immaculata University to earn a master's degree and doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology. She is a Nationally Certified Psychologist, a Certified Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association, a Licensed Professional Counselor; a Board Certified Clinical Psychotherapist and a Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Counselors. She holds membership in the Society for Catholic Social Scientists and the American Association of Christian Counselors. Theresa is the proud mother of five children.

Fr. Ben Cameron

Fr. Ben Cameron is a native of Kokomo, Indiana and a 1991 graduate of Christendom College, a small Catholic liberal arts college in northern Virginia. He joined the Fathers of Mercy in 1992, received his Master of Divinity degree from Holy Apostles Seminary in 1997, and was ordained a priest on May 31, 1997. He is a missionary preacher who has preached around 200 parish missions and retreats in over 40 states, Canada, and Australia. Fr. Ben made his Rachel's Vineyard retreat in 2004, and is the Site Leader for the Bowling Green/Owensboro (western Kentucky) RV team. He is the Assistant General of the Fathers of Mercy, and the founder and spiritual director of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy, a spiritual after-care for those who have received post-abortion healing.



Most Rev. David Choby



Bishop Choby was born in Nashville and baptized in the Cathedral of Incarnation where he was ordained a bishop. He is the son of Raymond and Rita Choby, both deceased. He has one sister, Diane C. Dyche of Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Catholic schools growing up, graduating from Father Ryan High School in 1965. After spending one year at Aquinas College in Nashville, he entered the seminary at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. He also studied at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., before being ordained as a priest on Sept. 6, 1974 by Bishop Joseph A. Durick at St. Henry Church in Nashville. He has served a number of assignments in the Diocese of Nashville. He was associate pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Madison, administrator of St. Ann Parish, and spent three years in residence at Christ the King Parish while working at the diocesan tribunal. From 1989 until his ordination as bishop, he served as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Gallatin, where he has been active in the community and in the local ministerial association. Bishop Choby holds a Canon Law degree from the Angelicum Church in Rome and has worked at the diocesan tribunal throughout most of his priesthood. He was on the faculty of The Pontifical College Josephinum, a seminary in Columbus, Ohio between 1984 and 1989. He currently serves on the seminary's board. He has served two five-year terms on the diocese's Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors. Bishop Choby was elected as diocesan administrator for the Diocese of Nashville by the diocesan College of Consultors in 2004 after Bishop Kmiec was installed as the Bishop of Buffalo. Bishop Choby was installed fourteen months later as the 11th bishop of Nashville on Feb. 27, 2006. He is only the second priest of the diocese's 169-year history to be tapped as its bishop; the others have all come from outside the diocese.

Kathleen Corrigan



Kathleen is brand new to the Rachel's Vineyard International Headquarters as an Administrative Assistant- her first "big-girl" job! She is a 2010 graduate from DeSales University in Center Valley, PA with a Bachelor's degree in Communication and a minor in Theology. After graduating college, Kathleen set off in search of a new adventure. She ended up in the great Midwest serving for nine months at Camp Gray Catholic Camp in Reedsburg, Wisconsin as a member of their Servant Leadership Team. Aside from her professional endeavors, Kathleen has lived most of her life in the dance studio, beginning her dance training at the age of 4 at Miss Pat's Stage Door Studio in Easton, PA. She is also a 2006 graduate of the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts in Bethlehem, PA, where she earned her High School diploma with a major in Dance. During her college years, she continued to take ballet and modern dance classes when she could, performed in the DeSales University Emerging Choreographer's Concert, and was a member of Monarch Dance Company under the direction of Tabatha Robinson-Scott. Throughout her dance career, Kathleen has received training in ballet, modern, African, tap, jazz, hip-hop, pilates, and yoga. With her recent return from Wisconsin, she is excited to restart her dance career with this class on spiritual movement.

Ellen Curro, M.Ed., PA-C

Ellen brings a combination of education, counseling and medicine. She is a former High School counselor and teacher. She has served as Executive Director of Shady Grove Pregnancy Center in Maryland and founding Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Washington's Project Rachel program. She has degrees from the University of Maryland, Xavier University, George Washington University and is a graduate of the Spiritual Direction Program in Clearwater, Florida, in affiliation with the University of Steubenville. Ellen has worked as an OB-GYN Physician Assistant in an NFP-only practice for over 10 years. She has provided consulting on life issues as Executive Director of Linking Education & Medicine for over 20 years. She has written two books ("Caring Enough to Help: Counseling at a Crisis Pregnancy Center" and "No Need to be Afraid...First Pelvic Exam") and several articles and brochures. She is currently working as a Physician Assistant doing health assessments for the Military. Ellen is single and lives in Burtonsville, Maryland.



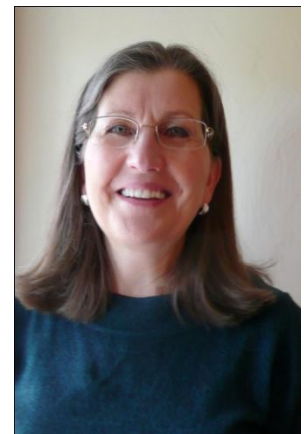
Cindy Dillard



Dr. Cynthia Dillard is a clinical psychologist who has been in the field of mental health since the mid-1980s. Her vocational history includes community psychology, a faculty post at a medical school, work in various mental health agencies, and many years in private practice. Although a generalist practitioner, Dr. Dillard is presently committed to serving the needs of those who seek healing within a faith-based framework. She presently has a private practice in West Chester, PA. Dr. Dillard discovered Rachel's Vineyard Ministries in a very personal way after attending a retreat for her own post-abortive healing needs. With a desire to give back what she had so freely been given, she is committed to helping those who seek healing from the wounds of abortion.

Lori Eckstine

Lori experienced an abortion at age 16. Twenty years later (before attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat) she began work in pro-life ministry as a local Right-to-Life chairperson and later as a volunteer with 1st Way Pregnancy Support Center. In 2000 Lori participated in a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The retreat was the pivotal episode in a profound life change. In 2003, Lori was hired as the Project Rachel coordinator for Oregon's two dioceses – the Archdiocese of Portland and the Diocese of Baker. She has facilitated 35 retreats in the last 10 years and has been a past contributing presenter at the International Rachel's Vineyard Conferences.



Guido Fetta



Guido Fetta has a background as a sales and marketing executive with more than 20 years of experience in the chemical, pharmaceutical and food ingredient industries. He has held sales representative, sales manager, and director positions for several international businesses. Guido has managed large and small-scale projects and improved business by streamlining processes and improving product design and sales plans. Now, as founder and owner of his own business, Cannae LLC, Guido has designed, developed, and successfully tested a breakthrough technology that he is currently marketing to the aerospace industry. With a proven track record in sales, new business development, technology design, market development, and organizational design and management training, Guido is eager to focus on his new career as an entrepreneur. With a focus on for-profit business, Guido specializes in: Instructional Design, Strategic Planning, Process Improvement, Sales & Marketing Training, Executive Team Building and Coaching, Organizational Design and Development, Technology Design and Development, Innovative Concepts and Breakthrough

Thinking. In addition, Guido serves on the board of directors for Rachel's Vineyard National and has helped work as a support team member for 2 local Pennsylvania retreat sites. Guido has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Susan Fetta

Susan Fetta has built her career around education, adult learning theory, instructional design, and corporate training. In 1996, Susan transferred her teaching skills into her own consulting company, Words of Wisdom Training, a company that designs programs to meet the specific needs and goals of for-profit and non-profit businesses and organizations. While specializing in trainer training, management and leadership development, communication skills, business writing, and media relations, Susan is also expert in needs analysis, group facilitation, and organizational development. Her client base ranges from small, local businesses to large, well-known corporations where she provides a variety of consulting services in various industries. Susan attended a Rachel's Vineyard conference given by Dr. Theresa



Burke in 1999 and began serving on team first at Mother's Home in Darby, PA, then at the Greater Philadelphia site at Immaculata University in Frazer, PA. She served as site leader of the Doylestown, PA, retreat site for 2 years. Susan has been married to Guido Fetta for 12 years. They enjoy working together in their professional businesses and in church-related and community activities. They enjoy traveling and spending time visiting friends and family all over the world. Susan has a BS in Education from Buffalo State College and an MA in Linguistics from State University of New York at Buffalo. She attended post-graduate studies in Linguistics and Folklore at Columbia University in NYC.

Georgette Forney



Georgette Forney is entering her 14th year as President of Anglicans for Life, the only global Anglican ministry dedicated to inspiring the Anglican Church to understand and compassionately apply God's Word when addressing abortion, abstinence, adoption, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. She is also the co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, an effort to raise awareness about the physical, spiritual and emotional harm abortion does to women and to let those who are hurting from abortion know help is available. Since officially launching the Campaign in 2003, 4,641 women and men have shared their testimonies at 771 Gatherings that have occurred in 48 states and 10 countries with more than 159,429 spectators having heard the truth about abortion's negative after-effects. More than 9,027 people have registered online to be silent no more. Georgette had an abortion at age sixteen and later experienced healing, forgiveness and reconciliation after going through an abortion recovery program. Through that she developed a greater understanding of the negative impact abortion has on women and the need to highlight the issue as an abortion survivor. She serves on

the Board of Directors for the Abortion Recovery International Network (ARIN) that is compiling the only comprehensive online database of Abortion Recovery Counselors so others who hurt can get connected to healing programs. She has spoken at many CPC banquets, pro-life conferences, conventions, churches, rallies, and university and college campuses. She served as the host for the television infomercial “Tilly.” In addition, she has addressed the Pro-Life Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives concerning abortion and women and gave testimony at the Senate Commerce sub-committee on Science, Technology and Space Hearing, chaired by Senator Brownback (KS-R) regarding the impact of abortion on women’s health. Recently Georgette has spoken at the SPUC Annual Conference in England, Princeton University’s Organization of Women Leaders Conference and in May 2005 she attended a meeting with 19 religious leaders and President Bush. She has done numerous print, radio and television interviews for local, syndicated and national shows, papers and magazines. Georgette lives in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, with her husband and daughter.

Eugenia Hadley

Eugenia has counseled Hispanic people at Centro Tepeyac for 13 years, the last 5 in charge of post-abortion services, and brought Rachel's Vineyard to five different countries: Spain, Uruguay, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and Mexico. She has mentored the Spanish Rachel's Vineyard in Miami and New Jersey and has led the DC/MD team for the last 5 years. She presented Rachel's Vineyard at the International Pro Life Conference in Mexico City in 2007 and has written about counseling the Latina woman. She has spoken about the Hispanic Outreach at the Rachel's Vineyard Leadership Conference. She was interviewed about Rachel's Vineyard for a New Jersey catholic TV station and a DC catholic radio station, and most recently appeared on Fr. Victor Salomon's series on EWTN, “*Sanando las heridas del aborto*” (Healing the Wounds of Abortion).



Peter Kleponis, PhD.



Peter C. Kleponis, Ph.D. is a Licensed Clinical Therapist and Assistant Director of Comprehensive Counseling Services in West Conshohocken, PA. He holds an M.A. in Clinical-Counseling Psychology from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA and a Ph.D. in General Psychology from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Dr. Kleponis has fourteen years of professional experience working with individuals, couples, families and organizations. He specializes in marriage & family therapy, pastoral counseling, men’s issues, pornography addiction recovery, and resolving excessive anger.

Marjorie Long

Marjorie Long, from Lake Charles, Louisiana has been married to her high school sweetheart Kenneth for 33 years. They have 2 children: their daughter Nicole is married to Brad Foreman who have 4 children, Kaleb 9, Andrew 6, Isabella 4 & Philip 10months old. Their son Father Nathan Long is an ordained priest serving the Diocese of Lake Charles and is the associate pastor for OLQH church. After 3 years of volunteering at a pregnancy crisis center, she served another 6 as Assistant Director. She now serves exclusively as the Site Leader/Facilitator for a Catholic Rachel's Vineyard in Lake Charles. The site known as Rachel's Vineyard of SWLA is sponsored & supported by the Diocese of Lake Charles within the department of Pro-Life.



Msgr. Michael Magee



Msgr. Michael Magee was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1991, and spent 3 years in parish ministry before being sent for further studies. He obtained a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1997. From 1998 until this year, he served as an Official of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, serving in the Liturgical Office of that Dicastery, with a focus especially on liturgical translations. Between 2002 and the present, he has published several articles in liturgical and theological journals (*Communio*, *Ephemerides Liturgicae*, *Antiphon*, *Adoremus Bulletin*) treating especially of issues regarding the new translation of the *Missale Romanum*. Additionally, he has given a number of scholarly and educational presentations to different audiences on that topic and others. While working for the Holy See, he undertook doctoral research leading to a Doctorate in Sacred Theology obtained in November 2006, working in the field of Ecclesiology. Msgr. is currently the Chair of the Department of Systematic Theology and Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. He is also a member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, Society for Catholic Liturgy, Catholic Biblical Association and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Fr. Peter Maher

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats Ministries, Sydney, Australia. Peter has 10 years experience in RV Retreat ministry and is Chair of the Sydney RV Committee. He is Parish Priest of Newtown parish in Sydney. He has a Bachelor of Theology and Masters of Education (Adult). Peter has been a priest for 34 years and has facilitated over 25 retreats. He has written a number of articles on the educational method of the Retreat including *Healing Abortion's Trauma And Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: From Three Participants*, 'Genevieve',



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Msgr. Michael T. Mannion, S.T.L., M.A.



Msgr. Michael T. Mannion is the author of several books on abortion trauma and healing such as *Abortion and Healing - A Cry to the Whole* and *Spiritual Reflections of a Pro-Life Pilgrim* and has been involved with Rachel's Vineyard since its genesis, inspiring Dr. Theresa Burke to dive into post abortion healing ministry herself. Msgr. Mannion has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mt. St. Paul College, a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology Pontifical, a Licentiate in Sacred Theology, and a Masters degree in Youth Ministry and New Testament Scriptures. Aside from his involvement in Rachel's Vineyard, Monsignor has also been heavily involved in youth ministry, founding Discovery Ministries and co-founding The Bridge, two groups dedicated to the spiritual enrichment of young people. He is also a founding board member of the National Office of

Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing. In 2005, Msgr. Mannion was named chaplain for his Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI. Msgr. Mannion has also ministered as chaplain for firemen, the DA's office and law enforcement in Camden, NJ.

Denise Rowinski Mengak, LCS, BCD

Denise Rowinski Mengak has been honored to coordinate the Rachel's Vineyard retreat ministry within the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania since its inception in 2000. As a licensed clinical social worker, she supervises the Adult and Family Services counseling program of Catholic Social Services in Wilkes Barre, PA. Denise co-facilitates a regional Suicide Bereavement Support Group and lectures on eating disorders, grief, post-abortion healing and post-traumatic stress. She loves to sing and resides with her husband, Paul, and their fur-bearing children on a mountain next to the Susquehanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania.



Rev. Scott Miller



Scott Miller graduated from the Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with a Master of Divinity and from Providence Seminary in Otterburne, Manitoba with a Doctor of Ministry. His doctoral thesis centered around developing a model of healing for men who were experiencing emotional difficulty subsequent to involvement in an abortion. He is married and has one daughter.

Amanda Miner

Amanda graduated from DeSales University in Center Valley, PA in 2009 with a B.A. in Theology. She has always had a passion for counseling and her mom, Colleen Miner is the Rachel's Vineyard Facilitator for the upstate NY Ogdensburg RV site. She is originally from Saranac Lake, NY but lived in PA while attending school and moved to King of Prussia after college to work for Rachel's Vineyard. Before working for Rachel's Vineyard Amanda worked for Camp Guggenheim, a Catholic summer camp in upstate NY and interned at Expectant Mother Care in the Bronx. Amanda currently works as an administrative assistant at the Rachel's Vineyard International Headquarters where she organizes the monthly e-newsletter Vine and Branches and answers the hotline.



Janet A. Morana, PD



Janet A. Morana serves as the Executive Director of Priests for Life and Co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, the world's largest mobilization of women and men who have lost children to abortion. Mrs. Morana was born in Brooklyn, New York, and holds a Masters in Education as well as a specialized Professional Diploma in reading. Since 1989, Mrs. Morana has held various local and national leadership roles in the pro-life movement. She served on the board of the Staten Island Right to Life Committee. Since she began assisting Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, she has held various local and national leadership roles in the pro-life movement, traveling extensively throughout the world to offer pro-life training seminars for clergy and laity, including at Pontifical universities in Rome, and representing Priests for Life at national and international pro-life conferences. She has played a key role in coordinating relationships between pro-life organizations and the Vatican as well as the White House. She is a co-host on the brand new EWTN television series, The Catholic View for Women, and with Fr. Frank Pavone on the pro-life EWTN series, Defending Life.

Fr. Frank Pavone

Fr. Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor. He is a priest of the Amarillo Diocese and serves full-time in pro-life leadership with his bishop's permission. In 1993 he became National Director of Priests for Life. He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion and promoting healing. Fr. Pavone was asked by Mother Teresa to address the clergy of India on healing after abortion.



He has also addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives on this topic.

Fr. Pavone serves as National Pastoral Director and Chairman of the Board of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of post-abortion healing, developed by Dr. Theresa Burke. He also serves as Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, which ministers to women and men who have lost children to abortion and mobilizes them worldwide to share their testimonies.

Fr. Pavone ministers to the "Centurions," an international association of former abortionists seeking forgiveness and healing. He has been a spiritual guide to Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of Roe vs. Wade, and she called him "the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church." Fr. Pavone was asked by the Vatican to help co-ordinate and promote post-abortion healing throughout the world as an official of the Pontifical Council for the Family.

Rev. Cheryl Ryan



Cheryl is the Interdenominational Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Facilitator in Janesville, WI. She also serves as Director of Counseling at the Pregnancy Helpline there; she was one of their founders in 1983. She had no idea back then just how many would walk through their doors asking for help regarding post abortion trauma. When they did, Cheryl, along with a team of Helpline volunteers, took the opportunity to sit under the teaching of some of the pioneers of post abortion healing at that time (Vincent and Susan Stanford Rue, Sr. Paula Vandegaer, Sydna Masse), and have since counseled the post-abortive for over 25 years. Having given her life to Jesus Christ in 1973, she has also served in the nursing profession, and later in life was called into pastoral ministry. She is currently ordained with Impact Ministries International. Her greatest joy is being able to share the depth of God's love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness, especially at a time when sorrow, shame and doubt seem to overwhelm the heart! Married for over 40 years, she and her husband Randall have 4 children and 7 grandchildren who they delight in! They smile at Proverbs 17:6, "Children's children are a crown to the aged."

Fr. Victor Salomon

Fr. Victor Salomón was born in Venezuela and is a member of the Diocesan Laborer Priests, an organization that specializes in promoting and helping people in the discernment of their vocations. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1998 in Caracas, Venezuela. He received a Bachelor in Sociology in 1992, a Bachelor in Theology in 1997, and a Sacred Theology Licentiate in 2004. Fr. Salomón was pastor of María Madre de la Iglesia from 1998 to 2001, and from 2002 to 2005 he worked in priesthood formation. He also was member of the Diocesan Laborer Priests Council for Venezuela from 1998 until his move to USA in 2005. Fr. Salomón is part of the team that



organizes the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in Washington DC. He also celebrates Mass and attends cases in the Project Rachel's Office of the Archdiocese of Washington. As a member of the Sol Vocational Institute, he teaches courses to promote vocations. Fr. Salomón is an expert in family communication and gives courses on enculturation for lay leaders. He has also given retreats for laity, seminarians, male and female religious and priests. He offers spiritual direction for singles and married couples and has experience in vocational discernment. He has also been a professor in theology in a variety of different fields. Most recently, Father Victor taped a Spanish television series— "*Sanando las heridas del aborto*" (Healing the Wounds of Abortion)—for EWTN, which is slated to air in September of this year.

Eve Sanchez-Silver



Eve Sanchez Silver is a Medical Research Analyst and founder and Director of Clear Research and Cinta Latina, which provide support for translational research goals in the basic sciences and breast health and abortion related pre-term birth risk information and education. Eve Silver is founder of the International Coalition of Color for Life. Eve Silver is a science editor, a published member of the American Medical Writers Association and author of "Way Past Pink: the Breast Cancer Manifesto" (MAMM magazine, July, 2003). Ms. Silver's lecture tour (Clear

Research: Native to Native Red Basket Lecture Tour) of Australia and New Zealand addressed Parliament, civic and other government and Aboriginal groups regarding abortion-breast cancer link issues and the international ethics affecting underserved populations. In the United States Ms. Silver has partnered with the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, The Department of Defense, The National Cancer Institute, The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, The Lighting Research Center at Rensselaer Poly-Technic, Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Groups and other national and international organizations. As a researcher she developed a non-surgical cosmetic tool for breast cancer survivors and has been involved in several health sciences research projects focused on cancer, light at night and the disruption of the circadian sleep/wake cycle. One project with Harvard University is a study of melatonin and other hormone levels in blind women. Ms. Silver is a former charter member of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's National Hispanic Latina Advisory Council. Ms. Silver is also a former member of the Inter-Cultural Cancer Council, a national organization that speaks to Congress about cancer.

Karen Stevenson, M.D.

Karen B. Stevenson, MD is a board certified psychiatrist with specialty training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. She is a cum laude graduate of Dillard University and an honors graduate of Louisiana State University School of Medicine – New Orleans. Dr. Stevenson completed her residency training in Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and went on to complete her fellowship training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh



Medical Center. She is currently attending Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, working to obtain a Masters of Divinity degree. Dr. Stevenson is a Spirit - filled Christian and she has dedicated her professional career to the interface between spirituality and Medicine. She has written and spoken extensively about the impact of abortion, abuse, and other life traumas on women and society. She has counseled countless women over the years as they have grieved the loss of their children through violence, miscarriage, and abortion. Her mission is to inspire, educate and empower women, men and children to press beyond their painful life struggles to truly know God's love, and to follow His victorious calling in their lives.

Teresa Tomeo



Teresa Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and motivational speaker with nearly 30 years of experience in TV, radio and newspaper. In the year 2000, Teresa left the secular media to start her own speaking and communications company. Teresa's daily morning radio program, "Catholic Connection", is produced by Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, and now heard on over 150 Catholic stations nationwide. Her talk show is also carried on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio. Teresa is a columnist and special correspondent for the national Catholic newspaper, "Our Sunday Visitor". She appears frequently on EWTN Catholic Television. Teresa has also been featured on "The O'Reilly Factor" and Fox New, and most recently

Fox & Friends discussing issues of faith and media awareness. In 2008 Teresa was chosen as only one of 250 delegates from around the world to attend the Vatican Women's Congress held in Rome marking the 20th Anniversary of John Paul the Second's Letter entitled "On the Dignity and Vocation of Women." As a speaker, Teresa travels around the country addressing media awareness and activism, as well as sharing her reversion to the Catholic Church. Her first book, "Noise—How Our Media Saturated Culture Dominates Lives and Dismantles Families", published by Ascension Press is a Catholic best-seller and now in its second printing. Her second book, "Newsflash! My Surprising Journey from Secular Anchor to Media Evangelist" was published in September of 2008. Teresa has also co-authored a series of best selling Catholic books called "All Things Girl" for tween girls focusing on modesty and chastity.

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_____	1101	9:45-10:15	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>
_____	1102	10:15-10:45	<i>Teaming up with Silent No More Janet Morana and Georgette Forney</i>
_____	1103	10:45-11:45	<i>Keynote: The Biblical Concept of Healing Fr. Frank Pavone</i>
_____	1104	1:30-2:45	<i>How to Start a Rachel's Vineyard Site Lori Eckstine</i>
_____	1105	1:30-2:45	<i>Crash Course in Trauma Theresa Burke</i>
_____	1106	1:30-2:45	<i>The Wider Vineyard: Do Post-Abortion Healing and Pro-Life Activism Mix? Fr. Frank Pavone and Janet Morana</i>
_____	1107	1:30-2:45	<i>Breast Cancer and Abortion Eve Sanchez Silver</i>
_____	1108	3:00-4:15	<i>Team Formation Lori Eckstine</i>
_____	1109	3:00-4:15	<i>Understanding Repeat Abortions Theresa Burke</i>
_____	1110	3:00-4:15	<i>Heart Cries: The Roots of Slavery and the Holocaust of Abortion Dr. Karen Stevensen</i>
_____	1111	3:00-4:15	<i>The 411 of Testimonies! Georgette Forney and Janet Morana</i>
_____	1112	4:30-5:30	<i>Roundtable Discussion: How to Expand your SNM Team Georgette Forney and Janet Morana</i>
_____	1113	7:00-8:00	<i>New Manual Exchange and Discussion</i>

Tuesday July 19

_____	1114	9:30-11:00	<i>Keynote: Media Training Teresa Tomeo</i>
_____	1115	11:00-12:00	<i>RV Overview for Those New to the Ministry Theresa Burke</i>
_____	1116	11:00-12:00	<i>Contraception: It's Implications for Rachel's Vineyard Ellen Curro</i>
_____	1117	11:00-12:00	<i>Media Influence on the Culture of Death Teresa Tomeo</i>
_____	1118	11:00-12:00	<i>Mission, Message and Ministry for the Service of Life Msgr. Mannion</i>
_____	1119	1:30-2:45	<i>Team Dynamics Cindy Dillard</i>
_____	1120	1:30-2:45	<i>Resolving Guilt and Shame; Restoring Hope Fr. Peter Maher</i>
_____	1121	1:30-2:45	<i>Redeeming a Father's Heart Kevin Burke</i>
_____	1122	1:30-2:45	<i>Public Speaking Delivery Techniques Guido and Susan Fetta</i>
_____	1123	3:00-4:15	<i>Prison Ministry in Short and Long Term Facilities Marjorie Long & Barbara Rozas</i>
_____	1124	3:00-4:15	<i>Facilitation Skills – the Power of the Present Theresa Burke</i>
_____	1125	3:00-4:15	<i>Cultivating the Seeds of Trust Kevin Burke</i>
_____	1126	3:00-4:15	<i>Understanding Issues with Control Lori Eckstine</i>
_____	1127	3:00-4:15	<i>Equipping Team Silent No More Georgette Forney and Janet Morana</i>
_____	1128	4:30-5:30	<i>Aftercare Resources for Rachel's Vineyard Panel</i>
_____	1129	4:30-5:30	<i>Facilitation Skills: Cooling the Flames of Anger Theresa Burke</i>
_____	1130	4:30-5:30	<i>How to Reach Out to Priests about Rachel's Vineyard Fr. Frank Pavone</i>
_____	1131	4:30-5:30	<i>Fundraising Panel</i>
_____	1132	4:30-5:30	<i>Seeding for the Next Season Harvest Georgette Forney and Janet Morana</i>

Wednesday July 20

_____	1133	10:00-10:50	Keynote: <i>How to Lead Like Jesus</i> Msgr. Mike Magee
_____	1134	11:00-12:00	<i>How to Develop Listening Skills</i> Cindy Dillard
_____	1135	11:00-12:00	<i>Trauma and the Brain</i> Theresa Burke
_____	1136	11:00-12:00	<i>New Healing Resource for Men</i> Rev. Scott Miller
_____	1137	1:30-2:45	<i>Profundizando en el significado del Retiro "El Viñedo de Raquel"</i> Fr. Salomon and Eugenia Hadley
_____	1138	1:30-2:45	<i>Ins and Outs of Intake</i> Cindy Dillard
_____	1139	1:30-2:45	<i>Facilitating Healing in the African American Community</i> Minister Pamela Bell
_____	1140	1:30-2:45	<i>Understanding the Problem of Pornography Part I</i> Peter Kleponis
_____	1141	1:30-2:45	<i>Skill Improvement Workshop Part I</i> Guido and Susan Fetta
_____	1142	3:00-4:15	<i>"Medical" Abortions: The deadly chemical assault on mother and child</i> Theresa Burke
_____	1143	3:00-4:15	<i>Ministering to Retreatants with Mental Health Issues</i> Denise Rowinski
_____	1144	3:00-4:15	<i>Treating the Pornography Problem Part II</i> Peter Kleponis
_____	1145	3:00-4:15	<i>Skill Improvement Workshop Part II</i> Guido and Susan Fetta
_____	1146	4:30-5:30	<i>The Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy: Spiritual Aftercare for Holiness After Abortion</i> Fr. Ben Cameron
_____	1147	4:30-5:30	<i>Understanding Early Pregnancy Loss in Miscarriage and Abortion</i> Therese Burkett
_____	1148	4:30-5:30	<i>Is your Ministry Lifegiving or Life-sucking?</i> Theresa Burke
_____	1149	4:30-5:30	<i>Beyond the Procedure: The Damaging Environment of the Abortion Clinic</i> Fr. Frank Pavone
_____	1150	7:00-900	<i>Talent Show</i> MCC

Thursday July 21

_____	1151	9:00-9:45	Keynote: <i>Living Scripture</i> Theresa and Kevin Burke
_____	1152	9:45-10:45	Keynote: <i>The Latin American Woman</i> Eugenia Hadley
_____	1153		<i>Set of all Homilies from each day of the Conference (Msgr. Mannion, Fr. Frank Pavone, Bishop Choby, Fr. Cameron)</i>

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