If you have a hard copy of this report and would like an electronic version, visit:
What God says about a fruitful Vineyard:

“I, the Lord, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it.”
(Isaiah 27:2-3)

Dear Friends,

We’re delighted to share our End of Year Report on another amazing season that reaped abundant blessings! As we celebrate the remarkable harvest of 2023, we also prepare for new growth. A vineyard does not bear fruit once and then die. No, God’s plan is much more expansive than what we could ever imagine! The fruits are eternal! So even as the harvest is being collected, we have visions for future crops still yet to be reaped. This is the joy of the vineyard!

Since our beginnings, we’ve seen Rachel’s Vineyard spread throughout the world. We’ve watched Jesus Christ the Healer touch countless hearts, minds, and souls. And we’ve witnessed Jesus’ lessons about the vineyard: He is the Vine, and we are the branches. His purpose is always for us to remain in Him while going out and bearing fruit that will last.

In the past 40 years, we’ve also seen how abortion takes its toll on everyone it touches. For many, it is a trauma that leads to division and internal devastation. Indeed, it can destroy physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. It can leave deep scars in relationships and loss within the family. Internal struggles with bitterness, anger, and shame can drain creative energies and redirect us from the significance and purpose for which we were created.

But God has another path, and it’s a road Rachel’s Vineyard has been traveling every day for decades. This path was founded on promises made by a God who is passionate in His desires to heal! He speaks His promises into our hearts and says through Scripture: Your soul shall become like a well-watered garden... You shall sorrow no more ... I will turn your mourning to joy ... I will comfort you ... turn your sorrow into dancing!

These words reflect the Heart of God for His people. He wants to bless us and make us whole – body, soul, and spirit!

“During the past four decades, we’ve seen Rachel’s Vineyard spread throughout the world. We’ve watched Jesus Christ the Healer touch countless hearts, minds, and souls.”
Behold, I will bring health and healing; I will heal them; and I will reveal to them abundant peace and truth.”  (Jeremiah 33:6)

The well-beloved carol we sing during Advent, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* is a beautiful prayer we can pray or sing in any season. Even amidst the tragedies of war and civil unrest, violence, and heartache, in Jesus—Whom we trust for guidance and strength—we have hope.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
And be for us our king of peace.

Isn’t this what Rachel’s Vineyard is all about? Hope, peace, and the ending of division?

That is what you, our ministry leaders and volunteers—so many gifted and talented women and men, laity and religious throughout the world—are doing. Through your hard work and devotion, you are spreading Jesus’ message of forgiveness, faith, love, and hope with a spirit of gentleness and respect. You are providing the means of His Merciful Healing. You are planting the seeds for future crops. We are exceptionally grateful to each of you, who have embraced this ministry and dedicated years—even decades—to the work of planting and tilling the vineyard.

We also offer a warm welcome to all the new teams being assembled as they begin planting new vines. We have deep appreciation for your enthusiasm and inspiration to become involved!

We are blessed by our small but devoted office staff (Katie D’Annunzio, Kelly Dunne, Katie O’Donnell, and Mary Peterson) who work tirelessly to ensure our leaders have the opportunity to consult with us for everything they need to run their sites smoothly. You are all amazing people, and we’re so very thankful for all you do and who you are.

It is with grateful hearts that we also thank Frank Pavone, Janet Morana, and the staff at Priests for Life/Gospel of Life Ministries. We are so appreciative of their support and dedication, which makes it possible for our small International Office to assist our leaders and retreat teams throughout the world.

We appreciate all our supporting partners, as well, who represent a myriad of outreach organizations, mental health professionals, pastoral care workers, clergy, pregnancy centers, and the many denominations that offer Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats.

In the fullness of Christ’s love,

Dr. Theresa Burke and Kevin Burke
Co-Founders, Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I know this End of Year Report will be a blessing to you, as it is to all of us here on the Rachel’s Vineyard – Priests for Life teams. Our partnership continues to be a profound gift from the Lord!

As we were preparing our End of Year Report last year, Pope Benedict XVI died, and we just had the first anniversary of that event. When it happened, and again in reading this report, I was reminded of the powerful experience that Dr. Burke and I had – along with other members of our team – when we were invited to be with Pope Benedict at the Vatican for a meeting of the Pontifical Academy for Life, on which I served for five years as a member.

The Pope gave warm encouragement to Rachel’s Vineyard – as St. John Paul II had done before him, and as Pope Francis has also done.

Together with that, we continue to receive the grateful appreciation of our many colleagues in the healing ministry who together form the Abortion Recovery Coalition. As my colleague Janet Morana says, if abortion doesn’t hurt people, why are there so many abortion recovery programs seeing people every day!

As you will see on these pages, this ministry both heals and educates. Along with the retreat services you find at RachelsVineyard.org, you’ll find a lot of the educational material at www.WhatFollowsAbortion.org. I also want to express appreciation for those who, having found healing, make the effort to share their testimony with others through our Silent No More Awareness Campaign. The partnership of this Campaign (a project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life) illustrates a natural progression from healing to testimony, for those called to do so. See SilentNoMore.com for more.

As this report indicates, one of the strong supporters of Rachel’s Vineyard was also Mother Teresa of Calcutta – (now St. Teresa)! I knew her personally in the last four years of her life and would call her regularly. A frequent theme of our conversations was the need for healing after abortion, because she knew how, in the absence of healing, an abortion ruins one’s relationship with God.

She urged us to pray constantly for those who need healing. You can find such prayers at the healing section of www.ProLifePrayers.com, and can order the book “In the Heart of His Mercy: Prayers to Heal the Wounds of Abortion.”

Make no mistake. Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries is at the core of the Gospel, of the new evangelization, and of the salvation of souls. Thank you for being part of this great movement of God!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Prolife Leader Frank Pavone
National Director, Priests for Life
Since the inception of Rachel’s Vineyard ministries, over 375 sites in more than 70 countries were developed. With changing global economies and structures, the advent of COVID-19, and ongoing unrest in countries like Haiti, the Middle East, Nigeria, and Cameroon, it is hard to determine, with accuracy, the current number of sites, especially in international locations.

For safety and confidentiality reasons, not all sites report data to our headquarters (due to religious persecution in some areas, unlisted retreat sites that are hosted by prisons, etc.).

Rachel’s Vineyard remains the leading retreat program for healing after abortion, and our retreats are offered in 33+ languages. We are in more than 50 countries, and 200+ established sites consistently report back to our international office. This means that at least 400 retreats are offered globally per year. And, as you’ll see in this report, new sites continue to grow and flourish.

**NEW INTERNATIONAL SITES**

- Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Sonaguera, Honduras
- Bergamo, Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Iztapalpa, Mexico
- Queretaro, Mexico
- Tapachula, Mexico
- Tecxoco, Mexico
- Cajamarca, Peru
- Irkutsk, Russia
- Capetown—Roaming RV, South Africa

**NEW NATIONAL SITES**

- Fargo, ND
Thinking of bringing a new Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Site to your area?

If you’re not a team member with an existing Rachel’s Vineyard site but would like to start one in your area, the first step is to experience a Retreat. Your own healing must be the first step in this discernment process. To learn more about starting a new site, contact our Rachel's Vineyard International Office at:

(610) 354-0555 or newsite@rachelsvineyard.org.

INTERNATIONAL SITES

Yaounde, Cameroon
Prince George, Canada
Macau, China
Rabat, Malta
Los Mochis-Sinaola, Mexico

NATIONAL SITES

Denver, CO
Greenwood Village, CO
Merritt Island, FL
Milwaukee, WI
Dr. Burke in Houston, TX, giving a live demonstration of somatic techniques to the Rachel’s Vineyard, Grief to Grace, and Duty to Heal teams.

Deacon Anthony Bellito and Dr. Burke at St. Stanislaus Parish in Lansdale, PA.

Dr. Burke presenting a Rachel’s Vineyard Overview to parishioners and guests at St. Stanislaus Parish.

Dr. Burke with Msgr. Michael Mannion and the Guardian Angels of Life team members at Discovery House in Hammonton, NJ.
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El Paso, TX*
Houston, TX
Lubbock, TX

Rio Grande City, TX*
Richmond, VA
Central Washington, WA
Western Washington, WA*
Spokane, WA
Madison, WI
Random Lake, WI

An asterisk (*) signifies English & Spanish Retreats
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International Rachel’s Vineyard Sites

Africa:
Yaounde, Cameroon
Abuja, Nigeria
Cape Town, South Africa
Cape Town—RV Roaming, South Africa
Johannesburg, South Africa

Asia:
Orsha, Belarus
China
Karaganda & Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Irkutsk, Russia
Moscow, Russia
Novosibirsk, Russia (Siberia)
St. Petersburg, Russia
Ulan-Ude, Russia
Vladivostok, Russia
Incheon City, South Korea
Ba-Li, New Taipei City, Taiwan
Tai-Shan, New Taipei City, Taiwan
Taipei, Taiwan

Vietnam

Australia:
Perth, Australia
Sydney, NSW Australia
New Zealand

Central America:
Santiago, Dominican Republic
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
San Salvador, El Salvador
Catedral, Juticalpa, Olancho, Honduras
Sonaguera, Honduras
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Kingston, Jamaica
Leon, Nicaragua
Managua, Nicaragua
Matagalpa, Nicaragua

Europe:
Vienna, Austria
Vienna, Austria (Interdenom)
Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina
Midlands/Birmingham, England
Essex, England
Kent, England
Norfolk, England
Maison de la Trinite, France
Maison Saint Joseph, France
Hildesheim, Germany
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Gilbraltar
Tiszaalpár, Hungary
Cork, Ireland
Bergamo, Italy
Bologna, Italy
Vilnius, Lithuania

Rabat, Malta
Netherlands
Belfast, Northern Ireland
Gdansk, Poland
Krakow, Poland
Piwniczna Zdroj, Poland
Poznan, Poland
Szczecin, Poland
Warsaw, Poland
Wroclaw, Poland
Lisbon, Portugal
Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Glasgow, Scotland
Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
Ljubljana, Slovenia
Tenerife, Islas Canarias, Spain

North America:
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Merritt, BC Canada
Newfoundland, Canada
Ottawa, ON Canada (Interdenom)
Saskatoon, SK Canada
Thunder Bay, ON Canada
Vancouver, BC Canada
Vancouver Island, BC Canada
Winnipeg MB, Canada (Interdenom)

Culiacán, Mexico
Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico
Hermosillo Sonora, Mexico
Irapuato, Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico

Mexico City—Iztapalapa, Mexico
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
Nogales, Mexico
Obregon, Mexico
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Tijuana, **Mexico**
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Mongmong, **Guam**
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**South America:**
Buenos Aires, **Argentina**

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Bogota, **Colombia**
Bogota Minuto de Dios, **Colombia**
Cajica, **Colombia**
Cali, **Colombia**
Cartagena, **Colombia**

Duitama-Boyaca, **Colombia**
Fusagasuga, **Colombia**
Ibague, **Colombia**
Medellin, **Colombia**
Pereira, **Colombia**
Sasaima Cudinamarca, **Colombia**
Soacha Cundinamarca, **Colombia**

Villavicencio Meta, **Columbia**
Asunción, **Paraguay**
Cajamarca, **Peru**
Lurin, **Peru**
Miraflores, **Peru**
Caroni, **Trinidad**

*(Interdenom)* signifies an interdenominational site
Snapshots of 2023

At Sacred Heart parish in Bridgeport, PA, Dr. Burke giving a short talk on trauma and healing as it relates to Rachel’s Vineyard, Grief to Grace, & Duty to Heal.

Kevin Burke speaking about abortion and its effects on men.

Participants listening to one of Dr. Burke’s Living Scriptures exercises.
February 17, 2023  Is Chelsea Handler Actually Mourning Her Abortions?
By Kevin and Dr. Theresa Burke

Is Chelsea Handler Actually Mourning Her Abortions? - The Stream

March 20, 2023  The Powerful Influence of Joseph in the Mission of his Son Jesus
By Kevin and Theresa Burke
Description: St. Joseph had an indispensable role in nurturing and shaping the vocation of his son, Jesus.
Joseph, the Silent Servant King of Israel (bluearmy.com)

April 23, 2023  Abortion's toll on one family
By Dr. Theresa Burke
Description: The memory of Gina's abortion surfaced like a tidal wave of grief, her story coming out in between sobs and gasps for air.
Abortion's toll on one family (pregnancyhelpnews.com)

June 12, 2023  “I spent four years of my life defending this country – But I couldn’t prevent the death of my child.”
By Kevin and Dr. Theresa Burke
Description: “I spent four years of my life defending this country,” Steve lamented, “but couldn’t prevent the death of my child because of fear, inconvenience, and selfishness.”
“I spent four years of my life defending this country..” (pregnancyhelpnews.com)

June 16, 2023  Men’s Silence on Their Partner's Abortions is Like Adam’s Silence While Eve Ate the Apple
By Kevin Burke
Description: Men who come to honestly assess their role in abortion decisions can feel deep pain. Don’t be afraid to reach out for the help and support you need. Learn more about abortion healing programs in your community.
Men's Silence on Their Partner's Abortions - LifeNews.com

August 28, 2023  Abortion is Destroying Relationships and Ending Marriages
By Kevin and Dr. Theresa Burke
Description: Explore the profound effects of abortion on relationships and marriages. Understand the emotional and psychological toll it takes on couples and how to find healing.
Abortion is Destroying Relationships and Ending Marriages - LifeNews.com
November 17, 2023  

**Disillusioned by the Election Results? Don't Despair, God May be about to do a Divine Intervention**

By Kevin Burke

Description: After the Nov. 7 election results, you may be rightly angry, disillusioned, and filled with grief given our nation's continued descent into Alice in Wonderland like madness. But there is reason to hope on the horizon.

[Disillusioned by the Election Results? Don't Despair.. - Catholic Online](https://catholic.org)

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December 5, 2023  

**Turning Abortion into a Satanic Ritual**

By Kevin Burke

Description: Within the next few years, seven of 10 abortions will take place in bed rooms and bathrooms across the U.S. with the use of the abortion pills mifepristone and misoprostol. The Biden administration is working hard to ensure widespread access to chemical abortion.

[Turning abortion into a satanic ritual (pregnancyhelpnews.com)](https://pregnancyhelpnews.com)

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December 8, 2023  

**Here’s How Pro-Life Americans Can Fight Back Against Pro-Abortion Ballot Measures**

By Kevin Burke

Description: Kevin Burke discusses strategies for pro-life Americans to counteract pro-abortion ballot measures. He analyzes the recent Ohio ballot initiative, the effectiveness of pro-abortion ads, and proposes strategies for the pro-life movement, including legislative amendments and focused messaging.

[Here's How Pro-Life Americans Can Fight Back... - LifeNews.com](https://lifenews.com)
Rachel’s Vineyard Virtual Leadership Conference 2022-2023

From November 2022 through June 2023, everyone at Rachel’s Vineyard was busy presenting our first Virtual Leadership Conference. Because this was virtual, we were able to offer training to people who wouldn’t typically be able to fly to Pennsylvania to attend a live conference. It was a great success! We’ve received accolades from quite a few people who greatly appreciated the variety of courses and the ability to watch them at their own leisure. There were more than 48 hours of courses (including our two bonus videos):

- Approaching the Neuro-Science of Healing Trauma by Nancy Blume
- Biblical Basis of Rachel’s Vineyard by Frank Pavone
- Celebrity Abortions by Kevin Burke
- Forgiveness Therapy by Dr. Martha Shuping
- Grounding to Heal by Nancy Blume
- Healing in a Culture of Rage by Dr. Theresa Burke
- Help Them Without Losing Your Peace by Pamela LaVeist-Bell, LCPC
- How to be a Mentor for a RV Site with Emily Babilonia
- Leaders with Secrets by Karen Stevenson, M.D., M.Div.
- Live Demonstration: A Caregiver’s Burnout and Overload with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Magic Mirror with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Pillow Toss and Physical Movement with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Recognizing Dysregulated States of the Nervous System with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Releasing the Grief that lies Beneath the Frozen State of Shock with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Role of Music and Physical Movement in Facilitation with Dr. Theresa Burke
- Live Demonstration: Trauma Freeze Pose and Group Sculpting (Parts 1 and 2) with Dr. Theresa Burke
• Live Lecture: Neurology Teaches Us That Our Trauma Circuits Can Be Rewired with Dr. Theresa Burke
• Living Scripture Drill – Duty to Heal, Sculpting Your Centurion with Dr. Theresa Burke
• Military and Abortions by Jody Duffy
• Pastoral vs Clinical Methods of Healing by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries – Healing the Pain of Abortion by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Reflections on the Pro-Life Movement (Parts 1, 2, and 3) by Msgr. Michael Mannion and Dr. Theresa Burke
• Sharing Your Personal Story by Nancy Hadden
• Shockwaves by Frank Pavone and Janet Morana
• Silent No More (Parts 1 and 2) by Frank Pavone and Janet Morana
• Sleep Deprivation by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Tears of the Fishermen: Understanding Men and Abortion Loss by Kevin Burke
• The Vagus Nerve: Putting Theory into Practice by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Unexpected passages to Healing: My Journey to Find the Body (by Dr. Theresa Burke)
• Unexpected passages to Healing: Neurons that Fire Together Wire Together by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Unexpected passages to Healing: Reparative Experiences that Release Trauma from the Body
  by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Unexpected Passages to Healing: Utilizing Body Sculpture to Facilitate Connection and Empathy
  by Dr. Theresa Burke
• Validation Facilitation by Dr. Theresa Burke

BONUS VIDEOS:
• Testimony Tuesday by Jim Havens, with Kevin Burke
• Spiritual Direction Ongoing Formation,
  by Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., Kristin Molitor, and Ann Virnig

A huge thank you to everyone who registered and everyone who so willingly gave their time and expertise in teaching a course.

There were 192 participants, 33 of whom came from countries outside of the United States: Argentina, Austria, Australia, Canada, El Salvador, France, Germany, Jamaica, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Slovenia, South Africa, and Spain.

It’s clear that our first Virtual International Leadership Conference was not only “virtual” but truly “international.”

Dr. Burke presenting a short lesson on the connection between trauma, the nervous system, and somatic techniques.
In January 2023, we added a new feature in our monthly *Vine & Branches* newsletter. It’s called “Meet the Leaders,” and it gives our team members throughout the world a chance to get to know one another. Their stories encompass the tragedies they’ve experienced and the beautiful moments where they recognized that God was beside them. In our May issue, we highlighted Jody Duffy, which you can read below:

**Another Shot**

“I was a hellion growing up.” Even though Jody Duffy said this in a phone conversation, you could almost see the sparkle in her eyes.

Growing up in suburban Chicago, she was the youngest of three children, “a tomboy,” and a child who suffered from ADHD in an era where no one knew what that was.

Interestingly, her desire to be a rock star helped curb some of the ADHD symptoms she experienced. In 5th grade, she became a drummer in the marching band. The drumming – which incorporates one’s hands and feet – actually helped calm her down. She stayed with it through high school and also started a rock band, in which she was the lead singer. Typical of the era, their band’s name was “BAD.”

After high school, Jody went on to college and then Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning. While she was there, she met a lieutenant, and they started dating. He took things further than she intended.

Then she discovered she was pregnant.

In shock, with no idea of what to do, she took the guidance of a friend, who thought he was helping by making an appointment for her to get an abortion.
She went through with it but was humiliated by the entire experience. Afterwards, she went to a Catholic church and asked God to forgive her. “I want to live the rest of my life being a good person,” she prayed in earnest. “I want to meet a Christian man.”

A month later she met her husband. They married, had three boys, and as you would expect, life got busy. As their children grew older, they started a family ‘band.’ Mom played drums and their three sons played guitars and sang the music of their generation from groups like Guns & Roses, Metallica, and Pearl Jam.

Whenever feelings about her abortion surfaced, she “pushed them down, like a Jack-in-the-Box.” And she was successful at that for almost 20 years – until she got asthmatic pneumonia. The doctor prescribed multiple steroids, which prevented her from sleeping. She tried praying. She tried pushing “Jack” down. But he kept popping up. “I was falling to pieces,” she says, “but I didn’t want the kids to see.” When they were at school, she’d prostrate herself on her bedroom floor, asking Jesus to help her. One day after begging His help, she heard the devil’s voice saying clearly, “Jody, why did you even bother to ask? He will never forgive you for that.”

Instantly, all hope was vanished.

But as she drove the kids to school the next day, with her favorite Christian radio station playing in the background, the broadcaster started interviewing someone about healing after abortion. Jody was stunned. “What? You can get healing for that?” she wondered in amazement. Listening intently, she learned about the book Her Choice to Heal, bought it, and savored every word. A few days later, she saw a promotion for the Prolife Mass at the oldest church in Atlanta. “I don’t do pro-life stuff,” she said to herself. But the thought kept gnawing at her, like another Jack-in-the-Box that couldn’t be squelched.

She finally acquiesced and got directions to Atlanta’s Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from her husband.

As the Mass began, she saw dozens of high school students process down the aisle, each one carrying a cross labeled with one of the years since the landmark decision of Roe vs. Wade. The procession line seemed endless. Jody watched silently until she saw the year of her abortion. “I lost it,” she says quietly.

After the Mass she meandered to the basement, where pro-life vendors were handing out brochures. She started “picking stuff up, and once I got home, I sifted through everything.” That’s when she discovered Atlanta’s PATH (Post Abortion Treatment and Healing) program and went to their Bible Study. Later, when
they got involved with Rachel’s Vineyard, she went on a retreat and finally found the healing, forgiveness, and peace she had been yearning for. She worked with PATH’s Board of Directors, getting funding so that veterans and military could attend the retreats at little or no cost.

That’s when she discovered the shocking statistics about abortions in the military. A 2013 study found that unintended pregnancy in the armed forces is 50% higher than the general population. One reason for this is the sexual coercion and assault that many women face. Another is because they can’t get deployed while pregnant. This leads many women to opt for abortion – and then return to their duty as if nothing had happened.

It was eerie how much that mirrored Jody’s experience.

After she found healing through PATH and Rachel’s Vineyard, she became involved in both programs. In 2015 she was asked to become the Director of PATH, which she gratefully accepted. Five years later, she stepped down to work in another capacity. It had become clear that God wanted her to develop a healing program specifically for “military, veterans, and their families” – bringing them the same healing, the same mercy, the same hope that she received so many years ago.

That mercy has been an underlying theme in her life. But it wasn’t until she learned about St. Faustina and Divine Mercy that she fully understood it. Jesus “took somebody so ordinary to tell the world about His Mercy. It’s there for everyone. Particularly for those who have had an abortion,” she says – and then adds, “He never gave up on me.”

Today Jody is still married, still plays the drums, and still sings in a band. This band is called “Last Shot,” but as she experienced when driving her children to school that morning – and then through Divine Mercy – as long as we have breath, we have another “shot” to find peace, healing, and forgiveness.

Singing in her band “Last Shot.” The group plays 60s and 70s songs (and Patsy Cline, one of Jody’s favorite artists).

Watch one of Last Shot’s performances: https://youtu.be/5fhMjCyHNaN
You can see Jody singing Sweet Home Alabama (at 4:41) and I Fall to Pieces (at 6:50)
HEALING AND FORGIVENESS: AN ONGOING JOURNEY
A letter from someone who has experienced abortion and healing

My name is Darlene and I have been on a Rachel’s Vineyard retreat and am currently now on team. I wanted to reflect on healing and forgiveness, but especially forgiving ourselves and the people involved in our abortion.

Before I went on my retreat, I was (and continue to) regularly attend church, receive the sacraments, and deepen my intimate relationship with God. We are all on our own personal faith journey with the Holy Trinity. I thought I was healed of my abortion. However, when I went on retreat there was more additional healing and forgiveness that needed to be done. When I reflect on my healing journey of forgiveness, I realize that God was speaking to my heart and soul. It’s funny that we think that we are ok and that we are in control. However, God is in control and He knows what is best for us because He is our loving Father “Abba.”

God wanted me to go on retreat because I needed to let go and fully heal and forgive myself and the others who were involved in my abortion. Healing and forgiveness for me has many layers. It is a coping mechanism on how we suppress trauma in our lives. Our abortion is a traumatic experience. We tuck it way deep inside of us but it eventually it finds a way and bubbles up — sometimes, especially in the past for me, in destructive behaviors to punish myself.

I thought because of my mortal sin of abortion I was not worthy of love and forgiveness from God.
You see, this is the evil one trying to separate us from our relationship with God. But God is so patient with us. I tell you this to be patient with yourself. Be open with your mind, heart, and soul to God’s unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness. God has many graces and blessings He wants to bestow on each and everyone of you. Jesus only wants you to spend time with Him. Jesus thirsts for each and every one of you! When we let go and abandon ourselves to the Holy Trinity, it is so beautiful, peaceful, and joyful.

Be kind to yourself and patient. Find time each day for prayer with God. Know that healing and forgiveness is a process. You are all courageous women and men because your identity and inheritance is that you’re all children of God. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in the Vineyard. God is using each and every one of us to bring His children back into His loving arms.

Be open to God’s will to be a vessel to share His word, mercy, and unconditional love with each other.

We do this all for the glory of God. We need to tend our gardens by going to Confession, Mass, and receiving the Eucharist. All these sacred sacraments that God has graciously given us continue to nourish and strengthen our relationship with God and with each other. The Holy Trinity—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—gives us our healing and forgiveness for ourselves and others. God is love and God shares His love with us. God shows us how to love selfless and unconditionally. Let us spread God’s love to each other and especially to our enemies.

Love and Blessings!
In November, Ohio voters approved a ballot initiative that virtually enshrined the right to abortion in the state’s constitution through all nine months of pregnancy.

Money from national pro-abortion groups flooded the media market to present a very persuasive and effective messaging campaign to support the amendment.

With 14 other states planning to introduce similar ballot measures, it’s essential to understand why the Ohio ads, and the overall messaging of the “reproductive rights” groups, resonated with Ohio voters. Hard-won legislative victories that limit abortion and protect the health of mothers are in serious jeopardy.

The strategy in Ohio: Get the smaller but fervent base of pro-abortion voters out to the polls, especially in non-presidential election years where there is lower turnout. For the more moderate and conservative voters, appeal to bedrock, middle-class values. Here’s where the pro-abortion ads were especially effective.

A 30-second video ad from Ohioans United for Reproductive Rights asks voters to consider: “When we face personal medical decisions, we depend on our doctors, our faith, our family, and the last thing we want is the government making those decisions for us.”

The ad goes on to say that the passage of the ballot initiative would end “Ohio’s extreme abortion ban, protect birth control and emergency care for miscarriages. The proposal protects freedom and means Ohio families will always have the freedom to make the most personal of decisions.”

The language and messaging of this ad will certainly resonate with those with strong pro-abortion voting records. However, the message also
successfully connects with the majority of middle-class voters with a more conservative temperament, but without strong pro-life convictions.

Note the conservative-friendly language affirming an individual’s reliance on their freedom, faith, family and trusted family physician to help them make such personal decisions – not some distant government politician or bureaucrat.

The ad (and the ballot initiative) also skillfully misled voters by closely connecting any previous abortion restrictions as not only an extreme abortion ban, but one that also restricts access to birth control and emergency care for miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy – personal reproductive issues that a majority of voters across the political spectrum support. The message is clear; voting yes to the ballot initiative would protect these rights.

Once voters accepted this narrative, all the pro-life messaging about the danger of gruesome later term abortions for mother and child, fell on deaf ears.

**Look to Kansas, Ohio voter, and see your future.**

In 2022 Kansas voters rejected an attempt to keep abortion out of their state constitution. The referendum called Value Them Both lost by a margin of 60-40. Figures released in June by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment showed the largest increase in abortion on record since the department began keeping count, with a total of 12,318 total abortions in 2022, including 616 live dismemberment abortions.

Democrats in Ohio already have submitted legislation that would nullify the Heartbeat bill; drop the requirement for abortionists to have transfer agreements with local hospitals; repeal limits on chemical abortion, and provide abortionists with immunity from prosecution.

The success of the pro-abortion referendum in Ohio must be a wake-up call to pro-life and pro-family groups in other states that they must get out ahead of the coming flood of similar media messaging from well-funded pro-abortion interests.

**How do we fight back?**

States with current abortion restrictions should consider immediate laws or amendments to current prolife legislation that would guarantee the right to medical care for pregnancy loss such as miscarriage, and any true life-threatening medical condition such as ectopic pregnancy, regardless of current restrictions on abortion. These guarantees would make clear that abortion restrictions do not prohibit access to contraception or to life-saving care.

It is essential that efforts are made to bring social media, and when possible, legacy media attention to such legislation. This will help to neutralize one of the more effective weapons of the reproductive choice ads.
In states with initiatives on the ballot, voters need to see and hear the from women who have experienced the abortion procedure, and have suffered emotional trauma. Women who have experienced medical complications, including infertility and miscarriage, especially in cases of later-term abortion and multiple procedures, need to share their stories.

It’s important that messaging is focused, does not overstate possible threats (as likely as they may be in the future) and appeals to the common voter’s interests. Most voters are not in favor of later-term procedures. Short and compelling ads can reveal the trauma to mothers and babies, and share about alternatives to these procedures that are safer for the mother’s physical and emotional health.

The problem in getting the message out? Money. In Ohio and Kansas outside abortion money flooded the state, dwarfing the valiant efforts of state and local prolife groups.

The pro-life movement developed as a grassroots organic response to local and national issues that would advance the cause of life and protect women and their preborn babies. At this time it might be prudent for the largest pro-life groups, and sympathetic business and political leaders, to consider coming together to create a financial war chest to help create media messaging on the state level to help voters defeat these ballot initiatives.

**Winning the War**

The majority of abortions now employ the “abortion pills” mifepristone and misoprostol up to the 11th week of pregnancy. There is a desperate need for information on the medical and psychological risks of “at-home abortions” to reach abortion-minded women, their partners and families.

But unless we find ways to defeat ballot initiatives like the one approved by Ohio voters, our efforts will be in vain, and more couples and preborn children will be traumatized and wounded by abortion.

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I received a call from a father struggling to know how to help his daughter Gina.

"What's the problem?" I asked. "Well," he stammered, "my daughter, Gina, is dating this guy who is verbally and physically abusive. He is ruining her life."

His tone changed to a hushed whisper as he said, "I love her so much but I'm losing her." He was silent for a moment, then his voice cracked as he pleaded, "Please, can you do something? Can you help her see what a creep he is? Gina won't listen to me anymore."

I informed Mr. Davis I couldn't break them up, but I could help Gina examine her relationship and sort out her feelings about this man. Then I asked if anything else had happened between Gina and her boyfriend. Mr. Davis hesitated: The question itself was a threat.

Finally he answered, "Well, there is something but it should really come from her. I think she should be the one to tell you. After all, it's her life and I don't want her to think I was talking behind her back."

"Did your daughter have an abortion?" I asked in a matter-of-fact tone.

The word was said: Abortion.

It was met with silence.

I met his daughter that night. Gina was 20, with long blond hair and sad blue eyes.

Regarding the abortion, she explained, "My dad made me have it. He told me I could not live with them if I didn't. He knew it might make me hate him but he was willing to take that risk. 'You'll get over it,' he said."

Gina told me she was not raised to believe in “choice.” In high school she wrote a pro-life paper and a year later found herself aborting her child. Her eyes welled with tears as she confided that she had never told anyone about the abortion she had as a freshman in college.

The memory surfaced like a tidal wave of grief, her story
coming out in between sobs and gasps for air: "I came home from college on a Friday to tell them about the pregnancy and what we were planning to do. My dad hit the roof. He wanted to know what he ever did to deserve this. Dad took my boyfriend into the kitchen to have a man-to-man talk. They would not let me in. Dad tried to pressure him to convince me that abortion was the best thing."

With much difficulty, she continued her story:

"Two days later I was up on a table, my feet in stirrups. I cried the whole way there. My mom took me. I kept telling her I did not want this: 'Please, no! Don't make me do this, don't make me do this.' No one listened. "When a counselor asked me if I was sure, I shrugged my shoulders. I could hardly speak. They did it: They killed my baby."

Overcome with heartache, Gina began to moan. Bent over, embracing her womb, she couldn't believe she had actually had an abortion.

After a long, tearful pause, Gina continued:

"Just as quickly as it had happened, everyone seemed to forget about it. My parents never talked about it. They were furious when they found out I was still seeing Joe. They never let up on their negative comments about him. Things were not so good between Joe and me either. We were always fighting. I was so depressed and did not know how to handle my feelings. I was too ashamed to talk about the abortion with my friends and my parents made me promise not to tell anyone."

Now, a year or so after the abortion, it was important that her parents enter the therapy process with Gina in order to validate her loss and accept their responsibility. I knew both parents would attempt to justify and defend their actions as they struggled with their daughter's experience.

This resistance or inability to confront and admit emotional or spiritual pain is called denial. In this phase of treatment, denial is a powerful temptation.

Gina's mom came first.

She listened to her daughter and expressed sorrow. The pained expression on the mother’s face persisted along with the inevitable “But.”
"I know you are hurting but we thought we were doing the best thing," she said during our session. "I realize this is hard but you must get on with your life. You wanted the baby but how would you ever pay for it? But how would you finish school?"

They could not accept the pregnancy when it happened and now they couldn't accept her grief. She felt utterly rejected by them.

Gina told me her father had no idea what she had gone through after the abortion, how much she had sacrificed in order to please him. It was important for her to tell him, so Mr. Davis was invited for a session.

The night before our meeting he called me.

"When someone dies, the worst thing someone can say is 'It was for the best; it's better this way.' This does nothing to comfort and console. It only makes the person angry because you are not appreciating the loss or grief that is being experienced.

"My stomach has been upset all week since I heard about this meeting," said the concerned father. "I want to do what is best for Gina."

Then his tone became more formal and forceful:

"I just want you to know that this is not a moral issue to me. Gina had to have that abortion! I still think we made the right decision. If I had it to do again, I would choose the same thing. I know this is not what she wants to hear. Should I lie about it to make her feel better? Is that what I should do? Tell her I made a mistake? I cannot do that!"

I explained, "Mr. Davis, I know you love your daughter very much. I know that she loves you or she never would have consented to have an abortion. The fact remains that your daughter lost something. What she lost was a child. Her baby, your grandchild.

"Gina thinks about it every day. She cries about it every night. The event is far from over for her. You need to hear how the abortion has affected her."

He didn't respond.

I continued: "When someone dies, the worst thing someone can say is 'It was for the best; it's better this way.' This does nothing to comfort and console. It only makes the person angry because you are not appreciating the loss or grief that is being experienced. Worse for Gina is that you do not recognize the life that she is missing. Gina misses her baby, a child you have not been able to acknowledge."

Eventually Mr. Davis agreed he would try to listen and that maybe he had something to learn. I really couldn't hope for more than that sliver of an open door.

When Mr. Davis came in the next morning he made a surprising statement: "I had no right to make that choice."

He had wrestled with various points in our conversation all night and came to a realization that he was able to admit for the first time: The abortion had not been Gina's choice.
The session was very intense.

Gina expressed feelings of anger, hurt and rejection. She also shared her grief about her aborted baby.

It was the first time her parents listened without defending or rationalizing what had happened.

Gina took personal responsibility for having allowed the abortion to occur and asked her parents to do the same. Therapy helped these parents begin to see how they had forced Gina to choose between them and the baby.

His voice broke with anguish as Mr. Davis cried, "Oh, my baby, my sweet baby, my Gina. I am so sorry. I was so wrong."

He pressed his face against her cheek and the tears finally came. They both wept, clenched in a tight embrace.

All the anger, bitterness, pent-up emotions and grief gave way. He begged Gina for forgiveness and told her she would have been an incredible mother.

In one beautiful moment her motherhood had been validated and Gina wept with relief.

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Snapshots of 2023

Dominican Republic team launching their first Rachel’s Vineyard retreat.

Bereavement dolls (used within the retreat) created by one of the team members.

Visitation Catholic Church in Illinois erected a field of crosses that commemorate the thousands of lives lost in abortion daily in the U.S. Our office created this sign for their month-long event.
In December, I flew to Florida to attend the monthly meetings held by Priests for Life. At the week’s end, I took the opportunity to extend my stay one day so that I could meet two of Rachel’s Vineyard leaders that I have gotten to know via phone and email.

Donna Gardner and Emily Babilonia head-up our English and Spanish sites in Palm Beach. Early in the day, Donna and I met for lunch. Besides discussing current RV business, we got to talk about our families, how we were getting ready for the Christmas holidays, and most importantly, our personal stories of how we came to Rachel’s Vineyard ministries.

Mid-afternoon, Emily and her husband, Mario, picked me up from Avis rental car to begin our visit. By then, the weather had turned to high winds and torrential rains. I had to chuckle when Emily and Mario stated that I was experiencing what it would be like just before a hurricane - YIKES!!! Perhaps, I’ll remain in the Northeast. Like Donna’s visit, we were able to have very personal conversations like friends that I have known forever.

Although this was an “express” trip, it is my hope in 2024 that this office, when the opportunity presents itself, can actually meet-up with other leaders and teams. Mary Peterson tries to get home to California regularly. She is looking to have one of those visits include time with some of our RV facilitators and teams!

The connection made over the weekend gave me insight to the Rachel’s Vineyard “family” we have created as a result of this ministry. All of you have been so welcoming to Mary and I; it’s no surprise that the healing journey retreatants receive is because you are the hands and feet of Jesus!

May God continue to Bless you and make His face shine upon you as you embrace the New Year!
I WAS SENT

Written by a Rachel’s Vineyard Team Member

This morning I heard –
Your most important relationship should be with me
“I was sent to save you
I was sent to redeem you
I was sent to destroy the works of the devil
I was sent to dwell in your heart
I was sent to open your eyes
I was sent to make you whole
I was sent to be the bridge between you and my Father
I was sent to be your example of living
I was sent to bring the light that overcomes darkness
I was sent to set the prisoners free
I was sent to heal your body
I was sent to heal your mind
I was sent to teach you to be an overcomer
I was sent to die so that you can live with me forever
I was sent to speak what the Father speaks and do what the Father does
I AM the way, the truth, and the life
I AM here with you and in you
So – now I must shuffle my thoughts and priorities around
And put them in the correct order.”
Because Jesus should be the most important relationship I have or ever will have
He paid His blood so I could live
I AM HIS.

“And lo, I am with your always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19)
TURNING ABORTION INTO A SATANIC RITUAL

By Kevin Burke, MSW

Within the next few years, seven of 10 abortions will take place in bedrooms and bathrooms across the U.S. with the use of the abortion pills mifepristone and misoprostol. The Biden administration is working hard to ensure widespread access to chemical abortion, especially in states with abortion restrictions.

This very personalized form of ending a pregnancy presents very real physical and emotional risks for women. Yet the most disturbing threat is how this method of abortion is perfectly suited to promote an occult - and outright satanic - ritualization of the experience.

Fox News reports that Cosmopolitan, a popular magazine for young women, shared with readers how they can obtain abortion pills, accompanied by instructions on how to have a ritualized abortion service via the medical outreach of a satanic temple operating out of an abortion facility in New Mexico.

The service presents the chemical abortion process as a ceremony of personal empowerment. The truth is that such rituals facilitate a very intimate connection with dangerous spiritual entities.

As reported in Fox News, Cosmopolitan shares the testimony of Jessica:

"What’s it like to have a Satanic abortion? For Jessica* [a fake name to keep the woman anonymous], a 37-year-old mother of three... ‘the experience was just very supportive,’” Cosmopolitan wrote in an Instagram post. "While she’s not a Satanist, Jessica decided to incorporate a few ceremonial elements into her solo abortion experience. ‘Why not?’ she thought. The overall messaging just clicked with her."

Proponents of abortion rights take what is a very natural process, conception and pregnancy, and present a very unnatural solution. A chemical abortion tricks a woman’s body into restricting life-giving nutrition to the developing baby, and once deceased, expelling the child from the womb.

In the same way, the introduction of satanic spirituality into ritualized chemical abortion deepens the deception that an abortion is a positive act of physical empowerment, rather than a physically unnatural, spiritually deadly action.

By entering into this ritual, participants are uniting the bloody, painful process of expelling a living child from their bodies with the spiritual
forces of darkness. In effect, they act “in intimate communion” with the spirituality of satanism, and the diabolical entities behind it.

This very personalized at-home experience of self-administered abortion lends itself to this type of diabolical ritualization. Chemical abortion provides the perfect context to ritualize what abortion proponents have long proclaimed: That abortion is the ultimate act of self-empowerment, a sacred rite of bodily autonomy and reproductive choice.

The attractiveness of this messaging will lead some women to take the next step to spiritually ritualize this experience because, as Jessica says, “the overall message just clicked with her.”

But as anyone familiar with the suffering associated with demonic oppression and possession can attest, this is very dangerous territory for the soul and psyche.

Fox News reports that Cosmopolitan shared a series of steps to perform the ritual, including staring at one’s reflection before taking an abortion pill and saying, "One’s body is inviolable, subject to one’s own will alone."

The ritual concludes with the participant proclaiming, “By my body, my blood; by my will, it is done.”

This is a very clear mockery of the self-sacrificial offering Jesus shared on Holy Thursday, and in every ritualistic representation of unleavened bread and wine at the Last Supper. At every Catholic Mass we hear the words of Jesus, “This is My body, given for you...this cup is the New Covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.”

In anticipation of his coming torture and death, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

In contrast, in the magazine’s post we find a diabolic inversion of the words of Jesus that mirrors elements of other satanic rituals. As the participant acts as both abortionist and satanic priestess, she draws upon the physical process of ending her pregnancy, and proclaims: “By my body, my blood; by my will, it is done.” This is a powerfully dark exercise that could summon dangerous and noxious demonic spirits.

The clinic suggests including as many loved ones as possible in the ceremony and "light candles or even dress up — whatever makes them feel empowered." Of course, inviting others and suggesting candles and special dress furthers the satanic ritualization of the chemical abortion experience as a type of public religious service or ceremony.
In fact, The Satanic Temple has said it hopes to expand its abortion operations into other states as part of its campaign to claim abortion as a religious sacrament protected under the First Amendment and federal law.

Spiritual deception is but one of the deadly risks associated with abortion pills.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute published a first-of-its-kind longitudinal study of Medicaid claims data from 17 states where state taxpayer funds pay for abortion. After analyzing the data the researchers reported that chemical abortion significantly increased the risk of an emergency room visit.

Couples today often rationalize that the abortion pill merely initiates an early miscarriage. They are tempted to see the pills as an easier solution than a medical procedure at an abortion center.

Tragically, women, and often their male partners, discover that their safe space and refuge (home, apartment, dorm room) is now the locus of painful and traumatic feelings and memories associated with the abortion. The actual experience of the abortion pill, far from being some noble act of self-empowerment, can be a shocking and traumatic experience.

With the grave risks associated with this rapidly growing method of abortion, now more than ever, we need to increase our efforts to educate the public about the risks associated with chemical abortion.

It’s essential that our elected representatives understand the threat and fight to protect the public. Our communities, especially vulnerable minors and young adults, need laws and policies that restrict easy access by mail, or over the counter, to these harmful chemicals.

Our religious leaders need to understand the threat to the souls of those entrusted to their spiritual care. Without healing and reconciliation with God, such souls engaging in occult abortion rituals risk eternal separation from God, deceived by the one Jesus rightly named, the father of lies.

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Growth of Raquel's Vineyard in the Hispanic Community

By Emily Babilonia

Spanish Palm Beach, Florida, Site Leader

The need for post-abortion healing is very important throughout the world. Rachel's Vineyard is the largest international program for healing after abortion. Founded by Dr. Teresa Burke, the retreat has a unique structure. Bible readings, meditations, therapeutic exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a memorial service that honors the babies - all help participants find the healing they so desperately need. The retreat is truly a gift from the Holy Spirit.

In the Hispanic communities of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, there has been a very large growth in new retreat sites. Although many Hispanic countries are Catholic, and some (like the Dominican Republic and Honduras) don’t have legalized abortion, that doesn’t mean there aren’t abortions. It is because of the great need to help heal the trauma of abortion that we have witnessed such growth. We’ve already been called to open several new retreat sites in 2024, including one in Costa Rica.

Through the many retreats my team and I have opened, we’ve realized that the shame and pain of abortion underlies the trauma that comes with it. Priests tell us they have prayed to the Lord, asking Him to help them minister to the countless women and men who confess one or more abortions.

Many of the places we have been to—Panama, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, and Puerto Rico—have opened more than one retreat site, and we’ve had the blessing of being received by the Bishops, who thanked us for bringing Rachel’s Vineyard to their country.

Priests and bishops invite us to give talks about the trauma of abortion, which has allowed us to educate

Emily Babilonia (third from left) and her Palm Beach team.
priests, seminarians, and religious. Through the testimonies that we share, they come to know and understand the beautiful gift of Rachel’s Vineyard and God’s infinite mercy.

We highlighted Emily in our first “Meet the Leaders” article in our January Vine & Branches. Read her moving story and see why she’s such an inspiration to everyone who knows her.
In May, Cheryl Riley and Karin Searson, Facilitators in our Newark, New Jersey team, did the hard work of getting funds to pay for a flight to Malta. They went to train the new team (in Rabat; the old team was in Mellieha) and help run their retreat. Christie Zammit and Miriam Sciberras, Facilitators on the Malta team, were overjoyed to get their assistance. After the retreat, Cheryl and Karin traveled around the island talking about the pain of abortion and Rachel’s Vineyard. Their journeys brought them to a group of priests and five different schools (grades 7 to 12). For many of the students, it was an eye-opening experience.

Malta is the last country in the European Union where abortion is illegal, so the youth were very receptive. However, stories from both world wars still abound. People still talk about women dying in childbirth, which was common at that time. A few students asked what would happen if abortion was needed to save the life of the mother – and how the doctor would choose which person to save. Cheryl pointed out that in the states, a doctor doesn’t pick which person to save. Instead a team of doctors get together to help both, the mother and the baby. After their talk at an all-boys school, a student raised his hand and asked, “If you get a woman pregnant, you take care of her and the baby. So why is there a question about abortion?”

That pretty much says it all.
News from Slovakia

By Daniela Obšajsníková
Team Leader in Slovakia, EU

I am delighted to share our joy with you as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Rachel’s Vineyard in Slovakia in October 2023. We were a group of four who attended Rachel’s Vineyard held in October 2012 near Vienna under the leadership of Dr. Theresa Burke. Our purpose was to receive training for this wonderful ministry. As we were impressed by that weekend, we began working on translating the manual and preparing all the necessary props. One year later, we hosted our inaugural retreat with the support of the team from Vienna for our teammates-to-be. On this occasion, I would like to express our gratitude to the team from Vienna, Austria, who willingly trained us for this mission. Thank you indeed!

We continue to be amazed by God’s Mercy and the miracles that unfold at every single weekend retreat. The entire program unfolds like a fantastic scenario, and we marvel at it each time. It brings us great happiness to witness some of our past attendees actively engaged in pro-life service. Over the past 10 years, we have successfully conducted 17 Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats. Whether it seems like a little or a lot, we firmly believe that if it helped even one person, it was worth doing.

In our initial years, we organized three retreats annually, later managing two. From the upcoming year, with our team expanding, we aim to provide three Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats each year. We consistently change the location to satisfy people from different parts of the country.
Our team has grown to 16 members from various parts of Slovakia, including five priests. While some team members had to step back due to family matters, we are fortunate to welcome new members willing to serve. This rotation allows us to alternate team members, ensuring a manageable commitment for everyone.

Over the past decade, we have updated our technical equipment, including lights and audio devices, to ensure a smooth and professional program. Recently, we printed 500 retreat journals and memorial service brochures in a printing house, easing the preparation for each retreat. A professional arranger in our team creates wonderful settings for each activity, particularly the memorial service. Despite being volunteers, we occasionally face financial challenges, but God has always taken control over them.

Dear Theresa, we will forever be amazed by the work that God has accomplished through you. It is an honor to be part of the worldwide Rachel’s Vineyard team, and we sincerely thank you for the trust you place in us.
Rachel’s Vineyard in Medjugorje

By Yesica Gonzáles
Medjugorje Site Leader

The Retreat

Our first Rachel’s Vineyard retreat in Medjugorje had 7 participants (six women and one man), and we honored 15 babies. Being able to have the support of The Marian Community Oasis of Peace (CMOP) is a gift from the Divine Providence of God. They opened the doors of their convent, making all the spaces available to guarantee the perfect atmosphere of the retreat. The active presence of the religious with their intercession, and collaboration inside and outside the sessions, allowed the participants to be in a spiritual environment full of peace and in a safe environment. They felt protected, the specialness of the community, its hospitality, its simplicity, their humility, their joy, their kind gaze, and the openness of their hearts towards them.

The retreat along with the pilgrimage was full of details that enrich the experience every day. As a team, the active presence of Father Augustine Conner, CFR, was a concrete example that Jesus was with us. His presence and guidance invited us to abandon ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit, who guided us at all times. We were docile and trusted that we were those instruments in the hands of the Lord and Mary. That fostered an environment of peace, serenity, and trust that gave the best at every moment to others.

Silvia González, a Site Leader from Tenerife, Spain, shared that the retreat was enriching, thanks to combining the experiences we had previously. She
contributed her knowledge with our learning, concluded the retreat, and began a pilgrimage, which made it even more special.

The Retreat was more than they expected. Each participant is unique and has a specific healing path. They all agree that the retreat is a path that surprises them every time it progresses: with a divine inspiration and experience that they could never have imagined. The participants could never have imagined how Jesus would be with them: guiding them with respect, compassion, and mercy; removing the heavy burdens of guilt, sadness, and bitterness within their wounds; allowing them to be healed by Merciful Love; and being in the presence of a Mother who led them here to finally heal that dagger that was stuck in their hearts.

One of the participants said that she would never forget this profound experience. She said a light had been turned on in her and that this light would not go out because the Lord had turned it on so that when she returned home she would illuminate others who are in darkness.

At the moment the man released his stone after praying in front of the Sacramental Jesus, he expressed that he had been carrying a stone for 45 years and for the first time, thanks to this retreat, he has been able to hand it over, forgive, and feel complete peace in his heart. This was the second retreat he’s ever been on.

When the retreat ended, the participants had the faces of the Risen One, all without exception experienced profound healing. The feeling of inner freedom, communion with Jesus in the Eucharist, Adoration, and beginning a Marian pilgrimage in a Holy place like Medjugorje, further increased the experience of a radical change in their lives. When you finish a retreat of such magnitude, the people around you become family, and you want to continue deepening the friendships you began at the retreat. It was a privilege to feel that the pilgrimage was lived as a family, a family given by the Love of God. We had the presence and final blessing of Monsignor Aldo Cavalli, Apostolic Visitor of the Vatican, at the memorial service.

The Marian Community Oasis of Peace

The Marian Community Oasis of Peace (CMOP) is a fruit of Medjugorje. It is a request from Our mother the Queen of Peace. When I met the community, it was a gift from Mary and in a retreat with them, I could feel in my heart this statement: “The Community would be perfect for a Raquel Vineyard.” These words became reality after a year passed.
Only God can organize something like this. In His Divine providence, they had confidence in me. The superior of the house here in Medjugorje gave me his support. Then together with Father Augustine Conner, we presented to the entire community the mission that we had developed in Nicaragua. Finally, the superior general of the entire community approved this initiative.

The spiritual support was not only for a weekend but for more than a year. They received me in their home, allowing me to walk with them daily in prayer, intercession, Eucharistic adoration, the Holy Mass, sacrifices, fasting, abandonment and trust, and walking by faith in the Lord together with Mary Queen of Peace. What happened on the weekend was a fruit of almost a year of prayer in front of Jesus.

The CMOP is aware of the deep wound that abortion leaves in souls. They are called to be that oasis where people who live in the desert can meet the only One who gives true peace and can heal deeply.

It was impressive how everyone was infected with the desire to be able to serve in this retreat not only with their prayer but with the skills they have. Mother Valentina, from Italy, embroidered each of the angels. She made two models, one more beautiful than the other. The materials were acquired from Italy, and she embroidered and prayed every night. Sister Rebecca, from Germany, made the rosaries from some special seeds. They are “Job’s Tears” (Job in the Bible knew suffering, even though he lost all his property, possessions and even the sons did not abandon their trust in God) and were given with the angels at the memorial service. Father Robert, from New Zealand, made the wooden crib in his carpentry workshop. Father Rafael, from Brazil, made all the decorations with flowers and the angels (with the names of the babies). Brother Gerardo, from Italy, and Sister María Theresa, from Ireland, supported in the details of the kitchen.

Every day everyone rotated in the preparation of food and desserts, always with a smile, a tender look, and open to one another. They witnessed the transfiguration of each participant.

They were not only present at the retreat but on the days of pilgrimage, too. It was a total accompaniment; for me the Community is an invaluable gift from God.
Only God knows how many people are behind us with their constant prayer and intercession, starting with my family in Nicaragua, friends, the Friars (CFR), communities in Medjugorje, Sisters of the Cross, and so many souls who united in spirit so that all the graces may be shared.

Nothing is impossible for God, and Medjugorje is the land of the impossible. Miracles are real, and there is a Heaven that awaits us. Thanks to Rachel’s Vineyard, I have understood part of the mission of my life: to be that instrument so people can be reconciled with their children in heaven; to be a bridge that God uses for a personal encounter with the Mercy of Jesus; to say my yes, so that they may be embraced by the most beautiful and tender Mother, Mary. We are pilgrims on this earth heading towards the promised land that is Heaven. That is why Medjugorje is so special and unique, because it reminds us of our true destiny.

**The Leader, Yesica González**

I am Yesica González, I am 35 years old, from Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

My true conversion happened in 2012, through a Pure Heart Chastity retreat in Matagalpa – a mission run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR). I experienced a personal encounter with the Mercy of Jesus, and I began to have a concrete path in Faith. Years later this led me to work and fight for evangelization to young people in Nicaragua and be a full-time missionary in Corazón Puro Nica (a mission focused on teaching the Virtue of chastity and healthy sexuality under the catechesis of the Theology of the Body of Pope Saint John Paul II).

Thanks to Corazón Puro, I met Father Augustine María Conner, with whom I shared my life story. He suggested that I attend a healing retreat at Rachel’s Vineyard, which I rejected.

Father Augustine was very patient, because it took almost 4 years for me to decide to take another leap of faith and go to a Retreat in 2016. I was not aware that I was still carrying the suffering of pain from an abortion caused when I was 16 years old, and a miscarriage at 23 years old (my baby died inside my womb at 7 months of gestation). When you experience a retreat as deep as Rachel’s Vineyard, nothing is ever the same. When a soul encounters the Risen Jesus, He changes everything in your life. I saw my children, I talked to them, I hugged them. Far away in the meadow I saw Our Lady all in white carrying a baby in her arms and then I knew that my children, that all the children in Heaven, have the best Mother: the Mother of Jesus, the
Mother of our Savior, the Virgin Mary. Who better than her to take care of our children in Heaven? I will never forget this encounter, what I experienced was a foretaste of Heaven.

Later I became involved in the Pro-Life mission that they carried out in my city by going to pray for 30 days outside the places where abortions were performed; supporting Adoration and Rosaries for Life, promoting the spiritual adoption of babies among young people, giving talks, holding pro-life retreats nationwide and in secondary schools; being part of the Ministry of Post Abortion Healing of Rachel’s Vineyard at the Matagalpa headquarters since 2017; starting in the small service areas until becoming a facilitator of the same, serving until the end of 2021 at the opening of Rachel’s Vineyard at the Managua headquarters.

In 2014 I saw a film called Tierra de María and heard about the abortion experience of the actress Rosa Amada Pérez. Everything led to a place called Medjugorje, where Heaven touches the earth they said—a real and unique encounter with the Mother of God.

When I learned about Medjugorje, something in me moved the hope of being in the land of Mary, but my reasoning suggested it was impossible because I was so far away. But the Mother of God reminded me that for Him, everything is Possible. In 2017, I was able to travel on a Marian pilgrimage, and here I bought a book by Mirjana Soldo, My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph. She shares her experience of how on June 24, 1981 her life would change when she saw a woman on a hill with a child in her arms, today known as the Queen of Peace. I read this book when I returned to Nicaragua, and thinking that I had been in this place and had not really taken advantage of all the graces that are experienced here, a deep desire arose in me to be able to return. I kept that only in my heart, but in the year 2021 it would become a reality: Give Jesus and Our Lady a

Medjugorje Team Leader, Yesica Gonzáles.
year of my life to learn in the school of Mary's Love and know how I can be her extended hands.

In November 2021, I traveled to Medjugorje to learn and serve in the mission of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Queen of Peace, with Nancy and Patrick Latta. They had built a castle, a place of spiritual retreats for priests, nuns, and consecrated persons. Its mission is to live the Gospel, the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and embracing the messages of Mary, Queen of Peace.

While here, I started reading Patricia Sandoval's book, Transfigured. Patricia mentions that Dr. Theresa Burke, Founder of Rachel's Vineyard (the largest post-abortion healing program in the world), told her in person that she received inspiration for her work during an apparition in Medjugorje. This was the first flame that awakened my heart. Then knowing cases of pilgrims who came looking for peace, where in their history there was a provoked or spontaneous loss, and wanting to refer them to a safe place of healing, I was led to meet the head of Rachel's Vineyard in Tenerife Spain (Silvia González). While on a pilgrimage, I heard a couple sharing the suffering they still carried years after having lost a child spontaneously in their marriage. Then, a Confession with Father Inocencio Llamas gave me the courage to not forget this longing that was awakening in myself.

In 2022, the situation in my country worsened. The Communist Government is openly attacking the Catholic Church and placed my Bishop, Monsignor Rolando Álvarez, in prison. The situation is increasingly tense and full of uncertainty, but at the same time, it was a moment to stop and think: What is truly important in my life? Through many confirmations from the Lord, moments, people, encounters, and much discernment and prayer, the call was clearer: Rachel's Vineyard in Medjugorje.

I knew I couldn’t do it alone, so I turned to Father Augustine, who’s been my spiritual guide since 2013. We talked with the Marian Community Oasis of Peace, and have been supported by pilgrims with Mary, Leo and Elena, a Catholic couple with 12 years of experience organizing pilgrimages in Medjugorje. Everyone has helped me concretely in this desire that God placed within me.

Being in Medjugorje, it is impossible not to have an encounter with the Mother of God, which is why Father Augustine thought that after experiencing the transforming love of Jesus and meeting His children in Heaven, the
participants become pilgrims, ready to have that encounter. It is one grace after another that is lived day by day in this holy place, where we prepare each day for the most important moment of our lives, the encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

In Medjugorje, I have experienced a transformation in my life of Faith, a reaffirmation of my call to continue on my mission. I am living a missionary life. The world comes here, and I love being able to meet pilgrims and share my experience with them, guide them, and share my testimony. I still visit Nancy and Patrick, whom I love and admire like parents.

I continue to learn English and Italian (Croatian is very difficult) and have learned to make Rosaries with the girls from the Cenacle Community of Mother Elvira. I enjoy watching the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen in my life here in Medjugorje. I learn from silence in Adoration of Jesus and love visiting and admiring the image of Our Lady on the Hill of Apparitions, climbing Krizevac on Fridays, and growing in my spiritual and faith formation.

I’ve learned to enjoy the little things and let myself be surprised by Him. I ask God to not take away my capacity for wonder, because He is so creative to show me His love and surprise me.

Medjugorje is a fertile land, and its fruits must feed the world that is hungry for True Love and thirsty for the True Peace that only Jesus can give. I am being guided by the tenderness of his Mother, walking by faith, and learning to say every day the Fiat of Mary, “Let it be done to me according to your word.”

Remembering her words on May 25, 1988:

“Dear children, I invite you to total abandonment in God. Pray, little children, so that Satan does not shake you like branches in the wind. Be strong in God. I wish that through you the whole world knows the God of joy. Bear witness with your lives to divine joy. Do not be distressed or worried. God will help you and show you the way. I wish you to love everyone with my love: the good and the bad. Only then will love reign in the world. Little children, you are mine. I love you and I want you to abandon yourself to me so that I can lead you to God. Pray incessantly that Satan may not take advantage of you. Pray that they understand that they are mine. I bless you with the blessing of joy. Thank you for answering my call!”

Message from Mary Queen of Peace on May 25, 1988 to Marija Pavlovic
Happenings in San Salvador, El Salvador

By Ana Julia
Rachel’s Vineyard & Grief to Grace Leader

During 2023, in response to the loving call of Jesus to cast the nets with confidence, the Ministry of Rachel’s Vineyard through the New Alliance Catholic Community organized three retreats for men and women (mixed) in the facilities of the San Ignacio de Retreat House. Retreats were held in March, July and November. We have proven, once again, that God is our only support and firm rock. That is why the liberating and evangelizing tasks cannot stop.

The motto of the retreats is based on the Biblical reading from the book of Jeremiah 31:15-17, which says:

“This is what the Lord says: ‘A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and weeping for her children, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.’

This is what the Lord says: ‘Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded’, declares the Lord. ‘They will return from the land of the enemy. So there is hope for your descendants’, declares the Lord. ‘Your children will return to their own land.’”

Although the manual suggests limiting the retreat space to 12 participants per retreat, we believe that no one should be told that they cannot be cared for, since they are thirsty and in need of finding peace and comfort. In fact, the November retreat had 14 participants attend. Collectively, we had a total of 33 participants this year with 93 babies honored.
After the retreat, we recognize that our participants need follow-up to achieve greater fulfillment or address their mental health. Many still have not overcome the trauma or have codependency issues. The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is able to provide the retreatants with additional psychological services because many of the priests are psychologists.

Some of the way we try to get the “word” out is through the following channels:

- Our Community and Raquel Vineyard Facebook page
- Sharing our retreat poster and pamphlets through Community chats and parishes. Often, we visit our parishes directly to give them our posters and pamphlets.
- We give verbal invitations using Agape TV and TV-K Catholic as well as local radio stations such as Radio Luz and Radio Paz.
- One of our most important strengths to getting the word out is through past retreatants. They are encouraged to invite others suffering from the trauma of Abortion. The retreatants, therefore, become fishermen.
- Finally, we assist Father Luis Ulloa, professor at San Jose de la Montana Seminary, with training seminarians. Often, we are able to give our testimonies in the seminary classes and have seminarians come to our retreats. This way, they will be able to know first-hand the pain of men and women and the sad reality that led them to make the difficult decision to abortion. By experiencing a Raquel Vineyard retreat, the seminarians change their way of thinking - giving up rigorous, hardened and critical opinions and thoughts regarding abortion towards women or men. Later, they adopt an attitude of consideration and mercy. Now, like the past retreatants, they become fishermen for our Retreats.

Currently, we are working on finding new members for the Team of our Rachel’s Vineyard Ministry, so that we can have two groups. While one group serves, the other can rest and vice versa. We have recruited a couple and two more people are looking to join soon. This would increase our team to ten.

The goodness of God in our Ministry is that we all belong to the same Community, the same spirit, equality of growth and fidelity to service.

In this last Retreat, we have the presence of two sisters who came from Guatemala and who will make up the Team that will
be trained in Guatemala. According to what they tell us, there would be a total of five to six people interested in forming the team, although not all of them are part of the same Community.

We are very happy to be part of this Ministry, which has brought so many blessings to our lives. We love what we do and wear many hats...we have become graphic designers, facilitators of the Word of God on Radio and Television, specialists in customer service, soul searching and many more things.
January 16  Cameron Cote (The Prolife Guys Podcast)  
Kevin Burke spoke with Cameron Cote about abortion healing for men  
Post-Abortion Healing for Men | Episode 128 ft. Kevin Burke - YouTube

January 31  The Simple Truth with Jim Havens  
Kevin Burke was a guest on The Simple Truth, sharing his life journey of faith that led to his work with Rachel’s Vineyard.  
The Simple Truth: Testimony Tuesday (Kevin Burke) - 1/31/23 (libsyn.com)

February 11  Right to Life CA Interview  
Kevin Burke sat down with Jon Gerardi to explore the benefits of emotional and spiritual healing for those who have experienced abortion loss and the process and techniques that make Rachel’s Vineyard such a safe and effective international outreach.  
Post Abortion Healing featuring Kevin Burke - Right to Life Radio

February 21-26  Duty to Heal – Houston, TX  
Dr. Burke held a Somatic Approaches training with the New Heart of Texas/Duty to Heal Team and helped the team facilitate a Duty to Heal retreat.

March 3-5  Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat – Malvern, PA  
Dr. Burke helped facilitate a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend with the local team.

March 12-17  Grief to Grace – Malvern, PA  
Dr. Burke facilitated the Grief to Grace retreat in Malvern, PA.

March 27  Many Hail Mary’s at a Time – Live Stream  
Dr. Burke was a guest on Many Hail Mary’s at a Time, where she prayed the Rosary with host Kristin Reilly. After praying the Rosary, Dr. Burke discussed the Rachel’s Vineyard ministry and her personal connection to the Rosary.  
Many Hail Mary’s (Joyful) - YouTube

April 15-22  Grief to Grace – Tulsa, OK  
Dr. Burke held a Somatic Approaches training with the Tulsa G2G team and guided a retreat facilitation with the team.
May 9  St. Stanislaus parish – Lansdale, PA
Dr. Burke presented a Rachel’s Vineyard Overview.

May 15  National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa – Doylestown, PA
Dr. Burke worked in the Shrine’s Media Studio facilitating discussions with past RV retreatants who shared their journeys.

May 24  National Prayer Luncheon for Life Pro-Life Impact Show
Dr. Burke joined hosts Karen Garnett and Brett Attebery to discuss her healing ministries.
**Episode 72: Theresa Burke, Ph.D., Founder of RV - National Prayer Luncheon for Life**

July 24  Right to Life Central CA Interview
Dr. Burke joined John Gerardi to discuss the clinical psychology behind Rachel’s Vineyard and the ministry’s beginnings.
**539: Releasing the Trauma (ft. Theresa Burke) from Right to Life Radio on RadioPublic**

August 17  Guadalupe Radio
Kevin Burke was a guest on Guadalupe Radio for the “Interview of the Week” segment.
**Kevin Burke - Guadalupe Radio**

August 27- September 3  Grief to Grace – Oceanside, CA
Dr. Burke held a Somatic Approaches training with the Oceanside G2G team and helped the team facilitate their second Grief to Grace retreat.

September 13-14  Hope Restored, Richardson, TX
Kevin Burke gave a presentation on men and abortion at the “Hope Restored – Healing the Wounds of Abortion” Conference.

September 28  Discovery House – Hammonton, NJ
Dr. Burke gave a presentation, “Rachel’s Vineyard Overview & Forgiving Your Abortion,” to the Guardian Angels of Life organization.

October 6-15  Grief to Grace – Malvern, PA
Dr. Burke facilitated the Grief to Grace retreat in Malvern, PA.

October 19  Britney Spears Commentary
With the release of Britney Spears tell-all book, *The Woman in Me*, Dr. Burke commented on the trauma behind the behaviors Britney exhibited as a result of her abortion.
**Britney Spears Through the Lens of Trauma - YouTube**
November 9  Just Ask Janet Show  
Dr. Burke had a discussion on EndAbortion.TV with Priests for Life Executive Director, Janet Morana, about what we can learn from Britney Spears abortion experience. See www.JustAskJanetShow.com

November 11  Rehumanizing International – Online Conference  
Dr. Burke gave a presentation on our Duty to Heal ministry and its effectiveness with veterans and first responders.

December 5  Sacred Heart Parish – Bridgeport, PA  
Dr. Burke talked about trauma and healing, and Kevin Burke spoke about Men and Abortion. Following their presentation, a retreatant from Rachel’s Vineyard and Grief to Grace shared her journey, and Dr. Burke gave a Living Scripture meditation.
Snapshots of 2023

Evelyn Walsh, Dr. Burke, and Jessica Murdolo at the Czestochowa Shrine Media Studio in Doylestown, PA. Several testimonies were recorded by past Rachel’s Vineyard retreatants. These videos will be used on YouTube and other Social Media platforms.

Kevin Burke at the Hope Restored Conference in Richardson, TX, talking about men and abortion.

Kevin Burke answering questions from some of the conference participants.
Other Books

Forbidden Grief: the Unspoken Pain of Abortion
by Dr. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel’s Vineyard
Forbidden Grief is considered a definitive work on the study of traumatic reactions following abortion.

Contraception of Grief  by Dr. Theresa Burke
This book exposes the pain that so many women endure when they realize that the contraceptives they used caused the deaths of their children. This book is for women, men, pastors, doctors, and all who minister to the family.

Rivers of Blood/Oceans of Mercy, by Kevin Burke, LSW; Theresa Burke, Ph.D; and Frank Pavone.
Rivers of Blood lifts the veil on reproductive rights, and reveals how the fallout from more than 60 million abortions extends far beyond the private sphere of a woman’s personal healthcare decisions; the impact is dynamic, and far-reaching. After unveiling the deeper impact of Roe V Wade, Rivers of Blood/Oceans of Mercy presents an overview of the essential components of the healing journey. Church leaders will find valuable help for preaching and pastoral ministry. Counselors and caring friends and family will be equipped to reach out with love to those wounded by abortion.

Tears of the Fisherman, by Kevin Burke, LSW
Tears of the Fisherman will help readers understand the wider impact of abortion on men, their relationships, families, faith and work lives. Through case studies, personal testimony, and the author’s 30 years of experience in post abortion counseling, you will encounter men devastated by unwanted abortions, the burden of shame and guilt carried by men who were passive at the time of the abortion decision or pressured their partners to abort, and the impact of abortion among the male prison population.

Auf Erstehung Frauen und Manner berichten uber ihre Heilung nach Abtreibung
This is a collection of Rachel’s Vineyard and Silent No More Testimonies compiled in German and written by Fr Manfried. He is a team member of Rachel’s Vineyard.
Translations of Forbidden Grief

The Spanish version of *Forbidden Grief: Duelo Prohibido: El Dolor No Expresada Del Aborto* by Dr. Theresa Burke

The Slovenian version of *Forbidden Grief* by Dr. Theresa Burke

The Slovakian version of *Forbidden Grief* by Dr. Theresa Burke

The Russian version of *Forbidden Grief* by Dr. Theresa Burke
Other Resources

Harvest of Hope
by Theresa Burke, PhD, Kevin Burke, MSS and Frank Pavone.
Harvest of Hope is a 30 minute DVD presentation intended for use on Rachel’s Vineyard retreats. It offers a brief explanation of trauma, traumatic repetition, and other post abortion themes that are helpful for retreat participants to understand as they continue on their healing journey through the weekend, a special welcome to men and couples, and a pastoral message of encouragement and hope from Fr Frank Pavone.

Abortion Loss and Unresolved Grief
An Educational Series on the Psychological and Spiritual Impact of Abortion.
The set includes a collection of professionally produced presentations of Kevin and Dr. Theresa Burke’s frequently given in clinical and pastoral trainings, along with a number of talks by Frank Pavone including "The Parish-Home for Healing, Healing for the Abortionist, and Facing the Need for Healing."
A Course Guide has been developed to use with the series that provides an outline of each talk to help facilitate discussion as well as a course syllabus and sample exams. This set was made possible by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor.

Video Series Available for Download.

Informational Materials
The Rachel’s Vineyard Brochure contains brief information about our ministry, symptoms of post-abortion trauma, and testimonies. It is also available in Spanish.

Rachel’s Vineyard Drop Cards (the size of business cards) are a smaller resource that can be used by doctors, priests/clergy, sidewalk counsellors, or anyone who wants to give a loved one who is suffering a small resource where they can find healing and hope.

For ordering, and for more information about our materials, please contact our office at 610-354-0555 or visit www.prolifeproducts.org/healing
Online Resources and Social Media

Website
Our website, RachelsVineyard.org, offers several resources that are useful for women and men looking for help after an abortion. People can learn about our retreats, browse through questions and answers, read comments and poems from women who were affected by their abortions, the testimonies of people who have attended our retreats, or the vast number of articles written by Kevin and Dr. Theresa Burke and people within Rachel’s Vineyard and respect life ministries.

Newsletter: Vine & Branches
Our monthly e-newsletter, Vine & Branches, highlights news from around the vineyard—including honors received by our volunteers; articles written about post-abortion trauma or healing; book reviews; articles about our teams and leaders. Vine & Branches is also posted on our website.

YouTube Channel
Watch a wide variety of interviews, presentations, and encouraging messages on our YouTube channel (YouTube.com/RachelsVineyard). You’ll find inspirational and educational content about abortion trauma and healing. They’re a wonderful way to equip people with resources they can quickly share with friends and family in need of healing.

Social Media
Follow us on Facebook (RachelsVineyard), Instagram (@RVhealing), and Twitter [X] (@RVhealing), to receive the most up-to-date information about our ministry, events and trainings. Discover hopeful quotes, share posts, and meet others who are already involved.
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