Dearest friends,

We know that many of you are eager to offer Rachel’s Vineyard retreats and opportunities for deep emotional and spiritual healing.

I think we all expected the coronavirus to quickly run its course and soon life would go back to normal, instead we’ve had to continually adapt and recognize we are capable of making new habits and customs with a revered sense of nostalgia for the way it used to be. There were so many simple human expressions we once took for granted which seemed to make the retreat so personal. I think of the warm and tender hugs, holding hands, coming together in close circles supporting each other with each breath, wiping away tears and sweat…. So how do we socially distance in a retreat environment specifically created to embrace intimacy, trust and friendship? How do we continue to provide close emotional and physical support to do the hard work of grief and dismantle isolation and secrets?

I truly believe that no matter what changes we might need to make for the retreats, God will show up in new and creative ways that are likely to astound all of us! He is the master healer and our retreats bring people into direct communion with his Spirit. I know God will find an effective and even miraculous way to meet the needs of each person even though we may have to conduct them a little differently.

It is with this hope in Christ we are confident that we can begin offering retreats again in places where you are prepared to do so.

We would like to ensure safety measures for the protection of all including those that we go home to when the retreat is over.

In addition to the recommendations of the CDC, we have put together some other items that can protect your team and those we are called to continue serving.

Please review the following protocols, liability waiver, and extra measures for screening and protection as you consider offering Rachel’s Vineyard retreats again.

As time goes on we are inviting you to think about other creative ways of offering the retreat, perhaps even in a zoom format, where the Living Scriptures can be received as Jesus transcends time and space to touch the heart and souls through a
different experiential format. You have permission to creatively apply the basic process of the retreat if that’s something you would like to try. I believe there was a Spanish Retreat in Phoenix that did this back in March, and other teams are making preparations to try it. I invite our teams to experiment and see what works as we share our ideas and learn from each other the most effective way to safely continue in our mission.

Our ministry has shown us that the only way to move forward is to grieve the past we have lost and shift our mindsets to a compassionate acceptance of our present reality in order to create a new normal that allows Christ to heal his beloved and fill suffering with his holy presence.

The deaths of so many people we love, the loss of jobs, the anxiety about the future, the changes in society are impacting mental health in big way – so its important we see this as an exciting time of opportunity to reach out to those hurting with a message of mercy and hope and in a God who comforts in times of distress.

In Christ,
Dr. Theresa Burke
Founder, Rachel’s Vineyard

**Click here to view our Covid Protocols for Retreats.**

"Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."
~ Helen Keller

**A Virtual Day of Abortion Healing for Men**
August 16, 2020
Kevin Burke, LSW

Project Joseph is an outreach of the Abortion AfterCare-Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Dallas for men who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of past abortions.

Project Joseph is offering a VIRTUAL Day of Healing: August 16, 2020. If you, a friend or loved one might be blessed by this event, pass on this information so they can sign up.

**Contact information:**
Website:  www.projectjosephdallas.org
Email Contact:  healing@projectjosephdallas.org
Phone:  469-720-CARE (2273)

Please enjoy this original music video by Kevin Burke.
[After dating for a number of years a couple faces an unplanned pregnancy and decide to have an abortion. The relationship ends a few months after the procedure. Years later the couple reconnects via social media. This is their story.]
Message from the Pastoral Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I just want to give a special word of thanks to those who joined me and the Priests for Life/Rachel’s Vineyard national leadership for the special call that we had recently had to talk about how important this year’s elections are for the protection of our healing ministry and, indeed, for all ministries in the Church.

Thank you for what you are doing to help educate citizens that even their votes intersect with our work of healing.

For one thing, the more we protect babies in the womb and their mothers, the fewer will suffer the wounds of abortion.

And second, the ability of our ministry to function depends in part on the policies enacted by state and federal government affecting the freedom of faith-based organizations to do their work, and the parameters for counseling various types of afflictions.

It all matters, it all counts, it’s all interconnected. Let’s continue to be the best at what we do, and the best at protecting it!

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Pavone
Pastoral Director, Rachel’s Vineyard
National Director, Priests for Life
"Rejoice in hope, endure in troubles and continue steadfastly in prayer."
~ Romans 12:12

United in Prayer

Please pray for the repose of Gilda Segura Belén's soul. Gilda sadly lost her battle with Covid-19. Gilda has been a part of the RV team in Peru since the beginning, and will be greatly missed by her friends and family.

"Be still and know that I am with you."
~ Psalm 46:10

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YouTube: youtube.com/user/rachelsvineyard
Twitter: twitter.com/RVHealing
Pinterest: pinterest.com/rachelsvineyard
Instagram: www.instagram.com/rvhealing
Upcoming Grief to Grace Retreats
www.GrieftoGrace.org
(Retreat dates subject to change due to covid-19)

Phoenix, AZ
Email: Phoenix@grieftograce.org
Call: 480-215-6762
August 16-21, 2020 (Native American Retreat)

Houston, TX
Email: G2GTexas@GrieftoGrace.org
Call: 866-763-6557
August 15-19, 2020

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
Email: Diane@grieftograce.org
Call: 612-440-7247
August 23-28, 2020

Lake Charles, LA
Email: grieftogroupelouisiana@lcdiocese.org
Call: Marjorie Long – 337-489-2473
August 8-12, 2020

Newark, NJ
Email: info@grieftograce.org
Call: 610-203-2002

Beaverton, OR
Email: GrieftoGraceOregon@gmail.com Call: 541-357-7501

Aston, PA
Email: info@grieftograce.org Call: 610-203-2002

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Call: Nueva Alianza – 503-229-87-000

Kelowna, Canada
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London, UK
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Call: +44-207-937-4297
Call: +44-07484-248-799

Slovenia
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"You can't go back and change the beginning,
but you can start where you are and change the ending."
~ C.S. Lewis

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends
August & September
(Retreat dates subject to change due to covid-19)

Columbus, OH
Website Address: www.OurChoiceOurVoice.org
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CarolynK@pdhc.org
Friday, August 7, 2020
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Lansing, MI
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989-828-6002
nlcrachelsvineyard@gmail.com
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517-993-0291
Friday, August 7, 2020
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Miraflores, LM, Peru
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51 997225419
vraquel.limaperu@gmail.com
Language: Spanish
Friday, August 7, 2020
Sunday, August 9, 2020

Springfield, IL
Contact: Donna Moore
217-321-1161
dmoore@dio.org
Friday, August 7, 2020
Sunday, August 9, 2020
Bogotá-Minuto de Dios, Colombia
Contact: Blanca Yanet Uribe
(321)436-5828
yaneturibe9@outlook.es
Language: Spanish
Saturday, August 15, 2020
Monday, August 17, 2020

Bogotá, Colombia
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Sunday, August 23, 2020

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Rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com
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904-885-9959
mtliai@bellsouth.net
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Sunday, August 23, 2020

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rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org
Friday, August 21, 2020
Sunday, August 23, 2020

Cypress/Katy (Interdenom), TX
Website Address: www.newheartoftexas.org
Contact: Mary Lee Mason
866-763-6557
rvinfo@newheartoftexas.org
Friday, August 28, 2020
Sunday, August 30, 2020

Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Contact: La Casita (505) 2772 3765
Language: Spanish
Friday, August 28, 2020
Sunday, August 30, 2020

Trenton, NJ
Contact: Judy Warenkiewicz
732-536-6871
judywarren543@msn.com
Friday, August 28, 2020
Sunday, August 30, 2020
Yuma, AZ
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Contact: Carmela Gonzales
928-329-8248
rvyuma@amen4life.org
Contact: Gloria Renteria - Spanish
928-919-2800
msgrent@gmail.com
Friday, August 28, 2020
Sunday, August 30, 2020

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Contact: Betsy Kopor
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forgiven@racheltx.org
Friday, September 11, 2020
Sunday, September 13, 2020

Dallas, TX
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Contact: Regina Rivas
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healing@racheldallas.org
Friday, September 11, 2020
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Janesville (Interdenominational), WI
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608-755-9739
cheryl@pregnancy-helpline.net
Contact: Donna Lessner
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dnaponywi@aol.com
Friday, September 11, 2020
Sunday, September 13, 2020

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rileyche@rcan.org
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Friday, September 11, 2020
Sunday, September 13, 2020

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909-475-5353
mhuber@sbdiocese.org
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Sunday, September 13, 2020
Tucson, AZ
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rachelsvineyardtucson@cox.net
Friday, September 11, 2020
Sunday, September 13, 2020

Lancaster, KY
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Sunday, September 20, 2020

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rios2000us@yahoo.com
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Sunday, September 20, 2020

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928-713-9504
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Friday, September 18, 2020
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Sunday, September 20, 2020

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Friday, September 25, 2020
Sunday, September 27, 2020

Maison de la Trinité, ACR
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Friday, September 25, 2020
Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Friday, September 25, 2020
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