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One Weekend at a Time

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**"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."
– F. Scott Fitzgerald**

Dr. Theresa Burke, Co-Founder of Rachel's Vineyard, Reacts to Britney Spears Abortion Story

(Click the image below to watch the full video)



**"To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
~ Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Polish Rachel's Vineyard Team Leadership Meeting with Dr. Burke By Agnieszka Lewandowska, Rachel's Vineyard leader, Pozna, Poland

Piwniczna, Poland, 15-17 September 2023

Representatives of most of the teams from Poland (Gdansk, Krakow, Piwniczna, Poznan, Warsaw, and Wroclaw) participated in our Leadership Meeting. It was great to have 2 priests and 3 nuns with us. Sister Klara represented a new RV team from Kazakhstan.

We prayed together, presented our teams, and shared our experiences and best practices. We also gave testimony of what God has done for us and for everyone who takes part in the RV retreats.

Sister Malgorzata Slomka shared with us some experiences with the Grief to Grace retreats that have just started in Poland this year (in Piwniczna). They have been helpful and are bringing hope to many people with a traumatic past.

Bishop Artur Ważny, involved in Rachel's Vineyard for years, phoned us and blessed the whole Poland team, promising his prayers for us.

Another lovely gift was a recorded video message from Theresa! That was really important for us to hear and see. We feel that we are working in such a blessed program together. We hope Theresa will come to Poland for a real life visit some time!



**"Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves.
We have had our summer evenings,
now for October eves!"
~ Humbert Wolfe**

Meet the Leaders

The beautiful branches in our vineyard are filled with 'grapes' that have been pressed through difficulty and hardship. Remaining in Jesus, the true Vine, they help turn their adversity into 'good fruit.' We're adding this new feature to our Vine and Branches newsletter to help other members of Rachel's Vineyard get to know some of our phenomenal team leaders.

A World of Color

She probably wouldn't describe her childhood as gray, but ample pain and drama were stuffed into the first 22 years of her life.

To start, Karen Ord's father was a World War II veteran whose combat experiences permeated their family life. It was a difficult environment to grow up in.

Then, when she was in high school, her boyfriend died tragically a month after graduation. A few years later, another boyfriend was accidentally shot in the head by one of his friends.

Loss had become a tragic theme in her life.

But God was about to change that.

After high school, she wanted to become a nurse, but the family didn't have the money for her schooling. One morning, as she left the house for work, she noticed her car was missing its gas cap – and then realized someone had siphoned the gas out. Her mom came to the rescue and drove Karen to the bank to get money for gas. While they were there, the teller encouraged her to sign up for the bank's free trip to Acapulco. Karen didn't necessarily want to go to Mexico, but she had nothing to lose in trying. The next day – her 18th birthday – the bank called her.

She won.

Without any hesitation, Karen asked if she could convert the ticket to cash. The travel agency agreed. And, in God's providence, the amount of money she received was the exact amount she needed for nursing school.

She immediately enrolled, and in her second year at school, Karen finally agreed to the blind date her roommate kept trying to arrange. With a sigh, she went—and met Malcolm. A year after graduating, Karen and Malcom married. The first two years of their marriage were joyful ones, then her husband lost his job.

At that point, they had a beautiful 7-month-old daughter, and Malcom's job loss put them in financial hardship. Malcom moved down to Southern California and stayed with his family until he could find a job, and Karen and their daughter moved in with her mother. Every weekend he made the six-hour drive to Northern California to visit Karen and their daughter and then drove six hours back. It was during this time, Karen discovered she was pregnant. "I wanted ten kids," Karen says. "I always wanted to be a mom and have a family." And while she knew having another baby would be incredibly difficult, she believed they could work something out. When Malcom returned to Southern California, his family advised them to have an abortion. And when Karen went to her mom for support, she got the same guidance.

Looking back, Malcolm is quick to point out, "The thought of having another child at that time was over-whelming. Living with family members, struggling financially, and bringing another child into our world was hard for me to wrap my head around. I chose the easy way out for us, or at least I thought so."

Karen didn't want to have an abortion, but because of all the tragedies she had earlier in life, she was afraid she would lose her husband if she fought to keep the baby. So she acquiesced.

"I didn't want anyone to know, so I buried it; kept it a secret," she says softly.

“But my marriage suffered greatly.”

Malcom agrees. “After the abortion I noticed changes in my wife immediately. Someone who was once very outgoing and vivacious was now withdrawn and reserved. It was as if something had stolen her soul. A few months down the road it started affecting me, too. I would play with our daughter and watch her grow, but the thought of the child we did not bring into this world came flooding back to me. Would that child have been the son I wanted, would he have played sports in school as I did, what would he look like—these thoughts never left me. My wife and I grew distant as we both fought our demons. I became emotionally distant and poured myself into work, late nights, extra shifts, whatever it took to take my thoughts away from that choice I had made... My wife did likewise. We were two ships passing in the night occasionally coming together.”

Over the next twenty years, they had two more children, eventually moved to Arizona, and became active in their parish. During a Teen/Parent retreat their son invited them to, “We were profoundly moved by the Holy Spirit and gave our lives to Christ. The silence between us about our past was broken,” Karen says, “and we started down the path to forgiveness. “Things started to improve,” Malcom concurs, “but something was still missing.”

Then, in December 1999, while serving on a Cursillo^[1] retreat team, Karen’s prayer partner gave her a card. In it was a wooden cross & the Footprints of God poem. After reading it, Karen heard God tell her, “It’s time to bear your cross.”



She fell to her knees saying, “I hear You, but where are You? I don’t know how to do this. You have to show me.”

Knowing instinctively that this was about her abortion, she called her best friend Dana, and asked when their parish was going to have another Sanctity of Life Meeting. Up until that point, Karen had avoided all pro-life meetings and events; not only were her memories too painful, but she would also feel like a hypocrite. But God’s prompting changed that. And, of course, His timing was impeccable. The following week, their parish was hosting two events, beginning with a talk by the President of the Arizona Right to Life group.

Karen and Dana went to the talk together, and in the meeting the President

spoke to the audience, giving statistics about abortion. “It was gut wrenching,” Karen exclaims. “I felt like I was going to explode.”

She managed to keep her composure and after the talk asked Dana, “Can we go into the chapel to pray?”

After a few moments of silent prayer, Karen turned to Dana and told her about the abortion.

Dana looked into Karen’s eyes and said, “You must be in so much pain. I’m sorry for your loss.”

Stunned, Karen asked, “You still want to be my friend?”

Dana nodded and hugged her. “That was the beginning of my healing,” Karen whispers.

Later that week, they went to the Sanctity of Life meeting, where a young woman wearing a purple dress stood up and talked about her work at a pregnancy center. With a nudge from Dana, Karen approached the young woman afterwards and volunteered to be a peer counselor.

As Karen went through the counseling training, the instructor talked about her own abortion. She mentioned a healing retreat she was going to and invited Karen to join her. Wanting only to support her friend, Karen agreed, and they drove from Phoenix to Southern California for the retreat.

At that retreat, she learned that hurt people, hurt people. “That simple statement was so powerful,” she says. “My brain began processing everything differently. The world finally had color.”

And it was bathed in a light of compassion.

Once she returned home, Karen realized that the retreat healed more than her abortion. It changed her perspective, and it started to restore their family. “Healing has a ripple effect,” she says. Now she saw people in a different light—including her dad. She understood all the trauma he must have gone through in World War II. “I wanted him to heal, too,” she says, mentioning that he had been away from the church for 40 years, and she continued praying for his return to the Faith.

Dick Petersen, the Deacon at Karen’s parish in Arizona, was interested in bringing Rachel’s Vineyard to their church, so Karen, her friend, and Deacon Petersen began recruiting team members and working together. “I wasn’t the brains at all,” Karen states. “My role was gathering all the materials for the retreat.”

They scheduled Theresa Burke for their clinical training, and while training the team, Dr. Burke shared a story about a 4th grade teacher who quit her job suddenly when the school year ended. Not understanding her motivation for leaving, she simply told the principal she just couldn’t return. Years later, after her own healing, the teacher realized that her (aborted) child would have been in 4th grade that next year.

“A light bulb went off,” Karen exclaims. “I quit nursing shortly after my abortion. But it wasn’t until I heard the teacher’s story that I recognized I left

because my abortion occurred at the same hospital I had worked at.”

Shortly after their training, the Arizona team had their first retreat. And Malcom went. “It wasn’t until the retreat that I was able to let go of the shame that haunted me for decades,” he says. “Listening to the women and their stories on the retreat helped me to realize that there was hope for me, that God did love me, and that I needed to accept this love and mercy and move forward. I was able to honor our child. It was a life-changing experience.”



Theresa Burke with Karen and the Phoenix RV Team

Not only were his and Karen’s lives dramatically changed through their retreats, God still had surprises in store for Karen. During Holy Week of 2011, her dad called and asked if she would make an appointment for him to go to Confession. Interestingly enough, a retired Priest in residence at her parish (where she worked) happened to be a World War II vet. Walking into his office immediately after talking to her dad, Karen asked if she could schedule a day and time for them to meet. Without any hesitation, the priest asked, “When can your dad be here?”

On Easter Vigil—just days after his Confession—her dad returned to the Faith and received Communion for the first time in decades (her 12-year-old grandson was baptized and received *his* First Holy Communion that very same night). “My dad went to Mass every Sunday afterwards until he passed away in December 2020,” Karen said.

As a young girl, Karen could never have imagined the loving relationship she would eventually have with her father. She couldn’t have envisioned a marriage that would endure great trials but arise victorious. She couldn’t have fathomed God’s love and mercy. But even when our lives become ‘gray,’ even when our own decisions wreak havoc in our lives, God is always there—ready to pour His life into ours and create a world of vibrant color.



*The morning after her retreat at Rachel's Vineyard,
Karen was inspired to write this poem to her father:*

Dad, there are so many things I want to say, I'm not sure how to start.
Even though we live so close, it's like we're miles apart.

I see now that for both of us, we carry wounds of old.
I'd like to somehow heal our hearts as memories we unfold.

The pain to open up the hurt, to bleed & bear our soul,
Will start the healing of the past, to once again be whole.

I want to start with telling you, my love runs deep and true,
Like Gods unconditional love, for both of us, me and you.

By His love and mercy, He's brought me to a place,
Where I can see His open arms, outstretched for our embrace.

I prayed for help to open up a bit, for His grace to be received,
And what I got was so much more, in His arms I feel relieved.

I received a cleansing unexplainable, the pain of guilt no more,
Just waiting there for all of us, He'll greet us at the door.

Please take my hand and journey, I'll be right at your side,
Back into His loving arms, He'll be your gentle guide.

Through all these years my foolish pride, helped drive me to my sins,
I realize now that kept inside, it's the evil one who wins.

[1] A Cursillo is a three-day spiritual retreat that helps people renew their faith and develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.



**"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace
as I have seen in one autumnal face."**

~ John Donne



Healing in Medjugorje

Medjugorje held their first Rachel's Vineyard retreat. We heard from the team that the retreat went beautifully, "Lots of healing, lots of grace."

The Oasis of Peace community (which consists of consecrated men and women) was invited to attend the "Encounter with the Children". They embraced this opportunity, and everyone felt the presence of Our Lady. At the end of the retreat on Sunday, the community returned to attend the Memorial Service. They were joined by Archbishop Aldo Cavalli, who shared a few words with the group and gave his blessing for the retreat, the team, and their retreatants.

The team and the retreatants continued together after the retreat with a pilgrimage through Medjugorje.



(Left to right): Fr. Conner, Yessica Gonzalez, Oasis of Peace Community, Archbishop Aldo Cavalli (center), Silvia Gonzalez from the Canary Islands RV team (far right)

"A wind has blown the rain away
and blown the sky away
and all the leaves away,
and the trees stand.
I think, I too,
have known autumn too long."
~ E.E. Cummings

***In year 2023, Emily Babilonia and her team (who hold retreats in Palm Beach, FL) were instrumental in training at least 5 retreat sites, including Puerto Rico, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Honduras. We cannot thank Emily enough for helping us connect with our Spanish retreat teams.*

Emily also assists our main office in translating important documents/resources from English to Spanish.

*As you'll see in the following photos and article, we are SO blessed to have Emily and her team helping spread Rachel's Vineyard to those in need***

Florida Team Brings Rachel's Vineyard to Honduras



Marcela Patino, Marisol Rodriguez, Nilda Sepulveda,
Sonaguera, Honduras
Figueroa,
Claudia DeFreitas (**most Front person**)



Boarding 2nd Plane to
Emily Babilonia (**Center**), Luisa



Left to Right: Marisol Rodriguez, Claudia DeFreitas, Nilda Sepulveda, Claudia DeFreitas (**kneeling**), Blanca Yaneth Utribe (therapist from Columbia), Emily Babilonia (**Center**), Marcela Patino, Luisa Figueroa
Sr. Sor Yelin (**most Front person standing**); Sr. Sor is 24 yrs. old was trained on this retreat to be part of the therapist team.

God's Love and Mercy in Santo Domingo

By Emily Babilonia-Gonzalez,
Rachel's Vineyard Spanish Team Leader, Palm Beach, FL

Whenever a new Spanish-speaking site opens, whether in the Caribbean, Central America, or South America, our Palm Beach, Florida, team helps the new team prepare and gives them as much training as much as possible before their first retreat. Then five or six of us fly out to their first retreat so

we can be there to help them. Our latest adventure was going to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, after months of helping them plan their first retreat! But we had to overcome many obstacles first:

Nilda never received her passport, so we had to go to Miami at 3:00 am (they told us we had to be there very early, or she wouldn't be able to get it). I went with her from Palm Beach to Miami (a one and a half-hour drive), and we were the first in line. After going through all the paperwork, Nilda finally got her passport!

Nerys got sick. Before the retreat, she was in the hospital very weak for a few days. Thanks be to God she was able to make it!

Claudia, who helps out behind the scenes, was sick too, and needed some tests (one of her doctors is in Santo Domingo).

Luz just started a new job, so she couldn't take a lot of time off. She decided to work Thursday (the day we usually leave) and left after work. Because she had to be back at work by Monday, she flew out on Sunday evening.

Sandy wasn't sure if she could go, because her boss didn't give her permission ahead of time. In faith, she bought her plane and got permission to take a few days off at the last minute.

The daughter of Blanca Yaneth, our Therapist from Bogotá, Colombia (who travels to all new sites with my team and me), was in the hospital very sick. Thank God she got better just in time for Yaneth to fly.

We know that serving God isn't easy, there are always many attacks from the enemy, especially because he knows what God will do during our weekend retreat. This is why it's so important to prepare everything for the retreat. Even more important, we have to prepare ourselves spiritually. Our team members go to Mass and Adoration, we pray Novenas and Rosaries, and we go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation—and anything else that can help us. By emptying ourselves first, we're able to give ourselves completely!

Someone offered to ship all our retreat materials, supplies, etc. to Santo Domingo. We were hesitant, because when we opened a new Viñedo de Raquel in Santiago, Dominican Republic, in 2012, we had a bad experience. We shipped supplies to help the new team, but nothing got there until **after** we finished our retreat and had already left the country. But this time, after much prayer we said, "Yes," and everything arrived on time (we have never prayed so much for boxes before)!

When checking and verifying that everything had arrived, we noticed that the big bowl we use for Saturday night to Baptize and Name the babies was broken. So the Santo Domingo team rushed out to buy another bowl. When they returned, we were surprised to see that this one had cracked, too (which has never happened to us before). One of the team members said, "Well, we know God is breaking these parents free," so that's how we looked at it!

Our new Santo Domingo team is blessed with four permanent members right now: two Carmelite priests and two lay people (the therapist and coordinator), Rossy and Bernadita. I usually invite team members from other

sites to temporarily serve on a new team until they get more members, so we also have two people from our Santiago (Dominican Republic) site, one from our Jarabacoa (Dominican Republic), and two from Puerto Rico serving on this team.

It's so beautiful—we all come together as one group serving in love and humility. On this first Santo Domingo retreat, there were 17 participants, including two couples, and 40 babies were honored. One of the couples was not married in the Church, and after their retreat, they decided to get their marriage sacramentally convalidated. On Sunday, Bishop Cecilio Berzosa Martinez made a quick stop to say “Thank you” for bringing this beautiful ministry of God’s love and mercy to Santo Domingo. And, at the end of the weekend, everyone was smiling and joyful—as always, the honor and glory goes to God!



The team with Bishop Cecilio Berzosa



Delicious Mangu!!



The team with Fray Pedro



Fray Walington and Emily

"Spades take up leaves no better than spoons,
And bags full of leaves are light as balloons.
I make a great noise of rustling all day
Like rabbit and deer running away."

~ Robert Frost

Respect Life Display in Elmhurst, IL

Visitation Catholic Church in Elmhurst, IL has partnered with Rachel's Vineyard in support of our healing ministry. As part of its annual Respect Life Month display, Visitation installed over two thousand wooden crosses on its parish lawn. The display can be seen by the more than 10,000 motorists who drive past the parish daily.

This year, Rachel's Vineyard has provided the artwork and messaging for a 4' x 8' billboard accompanying the display. "We believe that many women and men who see our display may be suffering from their pregnancy-loss experiences," says Visitation pastor Fr. John Lindsey. "It's our hope and prayer that the billboard will encourage them to start the healing process by seeking the compassionate care offered by Rachel's Vineyard."



"The leaves fell from the trees
and their branches were bare against
the wind and the cold, wintery light.
But you knew there would always be the spring,
as you knew the river would flow again after it was frozen."
~ Ernest Hemingway

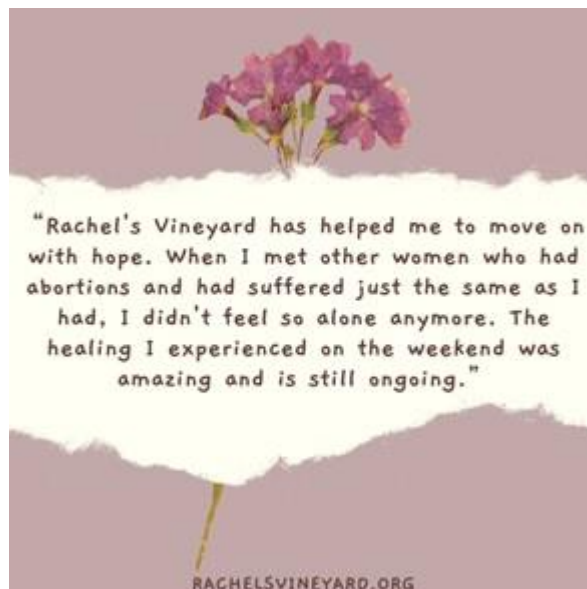
United in Prayer

Please pray for **John Welch**, the brother of Mary Goolsby (who is on our Maine RV team). John recently discovered that he has cancer, which is treatable and manageable but not curable.


Please pray for the healing of **DJ**, the grandson of Rose Romant Todd (of our Fairfield Interdenominational team).

"The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest."
~ Psalm 85:12

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"I sit beside the fire and think
Of all that I have seen
Of meadow flowers and butterflies
In summers that have been
Of yellow leaves and gossamer
In autumns that there were
with morning mist and silver sun
And wind upon my hair."

~ JRR Tolkien



Grief to Grace Retreats
Healing the Wounds of Abuse
Reclaiming the Gift of Human Dignity

Houston, TX

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November 4-9, 2023

January 6-11, 2024

March 16-21, 2024

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January 30-February 4, 2024

August 13-18, 2024

November 19-24, 2024

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March 3-8, 2024

October 13-18, 2024

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April 14-19, 2024

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“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest,
and cold and heat, and summer and winter,
and day and night shall not cease.”
~ Genesis 8:22



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekends **October & November**

There will be 77+ retreats held over the next two months!!

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

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Denomination: Interdenominational

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, October 6, 2023

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Note: Retreat held in Woodstock, IL.

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Denomination: Interdenominational

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Monday, October 16, 2023

Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Language: Spanish

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Note: This will be a combined pilgrimage followed by the retreat on these dates.

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Merritt, BC

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Atlanta, GA

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Website Address: www.healingafterabortion.org

Friday, October 20, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Dallas (Español), TX

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Friday, October 20, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Grand Rapids, MI

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Friday, October 20, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

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Contact: Susan Clifton (603) 315-
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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, October 20, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Greater Boston Area, MA

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, October 20, 2023

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Iquique, Chile

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Language: Spanish

Friday, October 20, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023

Kelowna, BC

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Friday, October 20, 2023
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Sunday, October 22, 2023

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Contact: Monsignor Ruben Espeno, HP 671-689-6386
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Friday, October 20, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023

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Friday, October 20, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023

Savannah/Augusta, GA

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Friday, October 20, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023

Shreveport, LA

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Birmingham, England

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Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Central Indiana, IN

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Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Columbus, OH

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Contact: Cindy Violet 614-721-2100 cindyv@pdhc.org
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Denomination: Interdenominational
Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Encino (Interdenominational), CA

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Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Fargo, ND

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Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Kansas City, MO

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Sunday, October 29, 2023

Ljubljana, Slovenia

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Language: Slovenian
Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Managua, Nicaragua

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Language: Spanish
Friday, October 27, 2023
Sunday, October 29, 2023

Peoria, IL

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Friday, October 27, 2023
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Pittsburgh, PA

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Providence, RI

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Language: English & Spanish

Friday, October 27, 2023

Sunday, October 29, 2023

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Friday, October 27, 2023

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Wichita, KS

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Friday, October 27, 2023

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Bowling Green/Owensboro, KY

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Friday, November 3, 2023

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Note: Location will be at the Passionist Retreat Center, Whitesville, KY

Cajicá, Colombia

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Language: Spanish

Friday, November 3, 2023

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Cedar Rapids, IA

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, November 3, 2023

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Charlotte/Asheville, NC

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Friday, November 3, 2023

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Note: Retreat held in Maggie Valley, NC

Dallas, TX

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Friday, November 3, 2023
Sunday, November 5, 2023

Joliet/Lemont, IL

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Sunday, November 5, 2023

New Orleans, LA

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Friday, November 3, 2023
Sunday, November 5, 2023

Philadelphia Area, PA

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Friday, November 3, 2023
Sunday, November 5, 2023

Duitama-Boyacá, Colombia

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Saturday, November 4, 2023
Monday, November 6, 2023

El Paso, TX

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Friday, November 10, 2023
Sunday, November 12, 2023

Fusagasuga, Colombia

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Friday, November 10, 2023
Sunday, November 12, 2023

Madison, WI

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Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Mellieha, Malta

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Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Miraflores, LM

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Language: Spanish

Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

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Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

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Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Trenton, NJ

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Friday, November 10, 2023

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Cypress/Katy (Interdenom), TX

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Thursday, November 16, 2023

Saturday, November 18, 2023

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Friday, November 17, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Georgetown, DE

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Denomination: Interdenominational

Friday, November 17, 2023

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

Orlando, FL

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

Poznan, Poland

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99 WinnicaRacheli.Poznan@outlook.com

Language: Polish

Friday, November 17, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Random Lake(Interdenominational), WI

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Sunday, November 19, 2023

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Language: Mandarin

Friday, November 17, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Texcoco, Mexico

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Language: Spanish

Friday, November 17, 2023

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Bogotá, Colombia

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Language: Spanish

Friday, November 24, 2023

Sunday, November 26, 2023