__Healing__ the Pain of Abortion – One __Weekend__ at a Time

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Dear Father/Deacon,

More than 35 years ago, I was honored to start Rachel's Vineyard—the first ministry focused on helping women heal after the trauma of their abortions. Since then, men, grandparents, and siblings have attended the retreats, which are offered around the world.

Many of our priests and deacons have attended our retreats, as well, and offer gentle and compassionate counsel to women who seek their guidance or speak within the confines of Confession. Our recent popes and St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta have personally blessed this ministry and encouraged us to continue expanding it, even in countries where the subject of abortion is taboo.

This ministry is powerful because it immerses the retreat participants in the power of God's Word, the sacraments, and the latest science on psychology and trauma, all within a supportive, confidential, and nonjudgmental environment. These core elements help retreatants grieve and walk the journey of renewal and healing—never alone, but with the gentle guidance of clergy, mental health professionals, and people who are walking the same journey.

You can learn more about Rachel's Vineyard at our website (RachelsVineyard.org). While you're there, you can sign up for our newsletter or make a donation to our ministry. We are a 501(c)3 organization that does not receive any funding from the Church.

Many parishes throughout the world place our brochures in their vestibules and encourage women who are suffering from their abortions to attend our retreats. If you would like someone to come to your parish to speak to you or your parishioners about our ministry, please contact Mary Peterson at (610) 354-0555 or office@rachelsvineyard.org.

Please know of our prayers for you and your parish.

Blessings,

Theresa Burke PhD.

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