

# Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

**Retreat begins:** Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

**Retreat ends:** Sunday by 3:30 p.m.

**Price:** \$140 per person, includes lodging for 2 nights, meals and materials. No one is turned away because they cannot afford to pay. Financial help is available.

**Location:** This retreat is held in a private location in the Kalamazoo area. Please call or email for further details.

**For more information or to donate in support of this ministry:**

Please email [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org) or call 616.340.1824

*Therefore I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her heart.*

*There I will give her back her Vineyards and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope.*

Hosea 2:16-17



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Peace starts here

Project Rachel  
Post-Abortion Healing and Reconciliation  
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# Healing the Wounds of Abortion

*A Rachel's Vineyard  
Retreat*

**October 7-9, 2016**

**Sponsored by the  
Catholic Charities West Michigan  
Diocese of Grand Rapids**

Project Rachel

(616) 340-1824

Toll Free in Michigan only:

1-800-800-8284

### **Our Mission**

Inspired by the compassion of Jesus Christ, Project Rachel offers opportunities for Reconciliation and healing for women and for all who suffer emotional and spiritual pain from an abortion experience.

**For more information visit  
our website:**

**[www.ccwestmi.org](http://www.ccwestmi.org)**

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a very specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is also an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. There are many exercises to help you grieve the loss of your unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are designed for women and men. The retreat is respectful and honors the grief and trauma of post-abortion. It is never confrontational.

The retreat concludes with a Memorial and a Resurrection Service. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

Project Rachel's toll-free line in Michigan:  
**1-800-800-8284**  
Or  
(616) 340-1824

Retreats are held throughout the year in many states. The retreat and registration are strictly private! All inquiries will be answered confidentially.

For more information visit the Project Rachel website at:  
**hopeafterabortion.com**  
Or the Rachel's Vineyard website at:  
**rachelsvineyard.org**



## Testimonials

*"I experienced a great inner healing as a result of attending the post-abortion retreat. I highly recommend this retreat to anyone who has felt the void and shame of the abortion experience. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the unconditional love of Christ and grieve the loss of your little child."*

*"I was terrified to take that first step forward and participate in Rachel's Vineyard. It seemed safer to remain hiding in the darkness, keeping the pain locked up deep inside rather than to risk exposing my shame to another soul. Now I am grateful to have experienced God's healing and forgiveness with other women in an atmosphere of complete acceptance and trust. Rachel's Vineyard has been a blessing to me.."*

*"Before this retreat I was spiritually dead. I was empty inside. I felt separated from the Church and from God. After this retreat, I now feel love, and happy to be alive. I feel the love of God inside me."*

*"For 18 years I have been haunted with heavy guilt that no one could take away, tormented by thoughts of what my child would have been like. Through participating in Rachel's Vineyard, I was finally able to forgive myself. I know that God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart, and has washed away my guilt."*



## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Registration Form October 7-9, 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church denomination or faith affiliation:

I have enclosed a check for:

- Full fee \$140 per person
- Non-refundable deposit \$25 minimum per person
- Partial fee with request for assistance.

Make checks payable to  
**Catholic Charities West Michigan  
(CCWM)**

Please mail payment and registration to:  
Project Rachel (CCWM)  
360 S Division  
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