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DATE: December 16, 2011

TO: Parish Bulletin Editors

FROM: Steve Patton  
Respect Life Coordinator

RE: March 2 – 4, 2012 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Please run the following bulletin announcement every week, if you can, between now and February 26. The likelihood of an individual's finding the courage to pick up the phone and call for help is directly related to the number of times he or she sees this announcement. Over 50% of our participants find out about Rachel's Vineyards Retreats from their parish bulletins!

Thank you so much for your help! Please feel free to call Annette Evans, our diocesan Project Rachel coordinator, if you have any questions about the retreat: (916) 733-0161.

**Note:** The phone number listed in the bulletin announcement below is the line dedicated specifically to Project Rachel, our diocesan post-abortion healing ministry. If you or other parish staff members have administrative questions about the bulletin announcement, please call me, Steve Patton, at (916) 733-0133.

### **Healing After Abortion Retreat March 2-4, 2012**

Is someone you know suffering after an abortion, perhaps years after the choice? Please consider the **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** weekend, March 2-4, in Auburn, sponsored by the Diocese of Sacramento. This unique and effective experience presents the mercy and compassion of God. The retreat is extremely helpful for those who struggle with feelings of shame, anger or grief and for those who have not forgiven themselves or others. Open to women, men, couples, and family members touched by abortion. The cost is \$175 per person. Financial assistance is available. For a registration packet or more information, contact Annette at (916) 733-0161 or write [projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:projectrachel@diocese-sacramento.org). Inquiries and participation are strictly confidential.