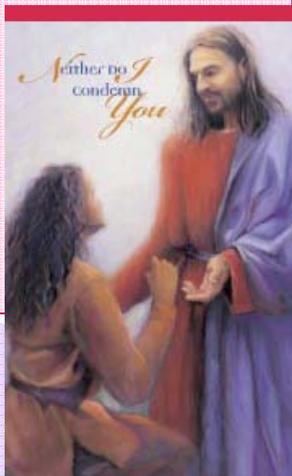


# Furthermore...

## A Voice of Experience...

*I am a Catholic living in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. My abortion was 16 years ago. It is my prayer that those of you who are experiencing the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion will realize the crippling effect it can have on your lives. Although so many times we choose to travel down the wrong roads in life, God in His goodness, continues to drop crossroads in front of us offering the opportunity to turn back (to be reconciled, to know His love, and to start anew). Project Rachel was that crossroad for me."*



## Post-Abortion Healing

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 specific process designed to help individuals experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. There are exercises to help participants grieve the loss of their unborn child and to receive and accept God's forgiveness.

CALL (785) 623-7531  
All calls are confidential!

## Kansas Statistics

- Every single day in Kansas there are an average of 32 abortions performed.
- There were 456 abortions performed on residents living in the Salina Diocese in 2003.
- Kansas has the largest ratio of late-term abortions in the nation, that is, after 21 weeks gestation. 5.4% of all abortions in Kansas are late-term.



## How can you help?

Complete this section, mail it with your name and address and we will send you free info:

- Natural Family Planning info
- A student education packet
- Post-abortion healing info
- End-of-Life info packet
- List of what you can do

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## Your Fetal Development:

- ◆ At conception, your DNA is completely formed.
- ◆ Your heart began beating just 18 days after conception.
- ◆ At 6 weeks, your brain waves could be detected.
- ◆ At 9 weeks, you started swimming and doing backflips.
- ◆ At 11 weeks, all your organs are complete and functioning.



## Early Teachings of the Catholic Church

"You shall not kill and unborn child or murder an newborn infant." – *The Didache* (c.100)

**"You shall love your neighbor more than your own life. You shall not slay the child by abortion" – Barnabas (c. 70-138), *Epistles*, Volume II, p. 19.**

"For us [Christians], murder is once and for all forbidden; so even the child in the womb, while yet the mother's blood is still being drawn on to form the human being, it is not lawful for us to destroy. To forbid birth is only quicker murder..." – Tertullian, c. 197, *Apologeticus*, p. 9.

**"The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide." – St. Basil the Great (c. 329-379) *Three Canonical Letters***

## Pope John Paul II said...

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (1988, *The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World*)



## Bishop Paul S. Coakley says...

"Abortion is certainly not the only life issue demanding our attention and concern. But it is the most symptomatic of something terribly wrong in our culture. It is the most egregious affront to life because it is an attack against innocence itself.

Even as we pray and act responsibly to bring about an end to abortion in our nation we must not neglect the "other victims" of abortion, the mothers and fathers of aborted children. There are people in our parishes, in our communities, perhaps in our families who carry the burden of their own participation in an abortion. They need our compassion and understanding."