



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace, from Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life!

We are blessed to have Rachel's Vineyard ministry within our diocese. Many women and men suffering the pain of a past abortion have found physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through the safe and confidential weekend retreats offered by Rachel's Vineyard. Staff and volunteers who care deeply about both parents and children, and who know the way of true healing, are ready to welcome mothers, fathers, and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard is an internationally recognized Catholic program, www.rachelsvineyard.org, and has been serving in our diocese since 2011.

On behalf of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and our Respect Life Office, I strongly support our local Rachel's Vineyard ministry, and I warmly encourage all our faithful to do the same.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph