

How We Can Help Those Who Minister

Specialized Training

Specialized training is required to ensure that those who provide healing interact properly with spiritually and emotionally wounded clients. Training is provided for professionals, clergy and volunteers. This training prepares assistance providers in how to respond and care with compassion and love.

Consulting

Rachel Ministries in the Diocese of Fort Worth is recognized as a leader in the field, providing consulting and technical assistance to the post- • abortion healing programs in the dioceses of Dallas, San Angelo, Galveston/Houston, NW Indiana, Shreveport, Louisiana and Jackson, Mississippi.

Rachel Ministries is well versed in most of the national programs for post-abortion healing. A variety of weekly programs have been used, such as *Rachel's Vineyard Weekly*, *Her Choice to Heal*, *Living in Color*, and *Entering Canaan*, and three programs compiled by Rachel Ministries specifically for the Carswell Federal Women's prison system.

Referral Network

When requested, referrals are made to licensed counselors, priests and peer counselors – a Project Rachel network consisting of 10 Licensed Counselors, 3 Priests, and two protestant clergy.

Guest Speaker Engagements

Rachel Ministries provides a guest speaker at parish Sunday masses, raising awareness of abortion recovery and Rachel Ministries.

Program Volunteers

Rachel Ministries is heavily dependent on volunteers. This method of operation provides a financially effective delivery while involving others in the work of God providing graces to both the client and the volunteer.

Rachel Ministries currently has over 30 volunteers, and includes three teams to do the very important work of a weekend retreat. The teams consist of:

- English Speaking Catholics
- Spanish Speaking Catholics
- English Speaking Interdenominational

Volunteers are clergy, mental health professionals, and laity, many of whom received healing themselves on a previous retreat and now want to help others.

Sidewalk Aftercare Ministry (SAM)

A new outreach to women immediately after having an abortion, our Sidewalk Aftercare Ministry (SAM), has taken hold, and our new brochure, *Beginning the Healing Process*, is being given out as the women leave the abortion clinic.

This requires developing a team of volunteers to be present on the sidewalk when the clinic patrons leave the clinic, after the abortion.

These volunteers are there to show understanding and compassion, and to offer a simple brochure with information about beginning the healing process after abortion. It also gives them our ministry's contact information, for when they are ready to begin the work of healing.

Parish Bulletin Outreach

Rachel's Corner Quotes, our parish bulletin outreach is growing, as more parishes are posting the quotes in their bulletins. It is very effective, and we are getting a lot more calls from within the parishes that run the Rachel's Corner Quotes weekly.

Please contact us for more information!

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