

A unique Mission opportunity for Catholics!



Rachel's Vineyard Italy Mission: **Reaching women and men who seek Hope and Healing after losing a child through abortion**

Founded over 20 years ago by a Catholic psychotherapist from Philadelphia, ***Rachel's Vineyard*** is a post-abortion healing retreat flourishing in the United States and now expanding internationally. **Monika Rodman Montanaro** for 12 years led Rachel's Vineyard retreats for the Diocese of Oakland, CA. After moving to Italy in 2007, she and her Italian husband, together with other Italian volunteers, in 2010 launched the retreats in Italy.

This pioneering ministry is Italy's first-ever Catholic outreach to women, men and couples seeking to reconcile their hidden grief associated with past abortion experiences. Our work embodies the New Evangelization so desperately needed in what is rapidly becoming a "post-Christian" Europe. During the *Year of Mercy* and beyond, **Pope Francis** has emphasized that the Church must expand its post-abortion pastoral care. The Italy Mission is doing precisely this - at the heart of the Church!

Women and men from Sicily to Piemonte travel hundreds of kilometers to Bologna to participate in this one-of-a kind 3-day program. While the ***Rachel's Vineyard Italy Mission*** has attracted the attention of the Italian Bishops Conference and the blessing of **Cardinal Renato Martino, Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, and Cardinal Elio Sgreccia**, financially the ministry is not yet self-supporting and thus remains largely a Mission of U.S. Catholics.

American Catholics who've already partnered in this ground-breaking project include mission-minded, pro-life individuals, Knights of Columbus Councils and, in 2016 and 2017, a diocesan Missions office in California. We invite you to join us!

Will you become a prayer and financial supporter of the Rachel's Vineyard Italy Mission?



For more information, including **Testimonies by Italian women and men whose lives have been touched and transformed by this apostolate**, contact Monika at mimmont@hotmail.com or 805-680-0406. Monika is glad to provide references.

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