

Project Rachel Director Orientation Training

On February 18-21, 2020, Program Coordinator, Donna Crean, and Counselor Linda Reich attended the USCCB training for Project Rachel Directors. It was very informative and fruitful and will help us to expand our Diocesan Project Rachel Ministry. We look forward to developing our current Healing Programs to expand our Days of Healing offering in addition a retreat model of healing. We will have an emphasis not only on women, but will incorporate a healing program for men, who have been wounded by the trauma of abortion. We look to grow our outreach to the Hispanic Community in our Diocese who are also in need of God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

As Archbishop Joseph Nauman, Kansas City, KS stated at the conference, "**Project Rachel Ministry is at the heart of the Church**, because mercy and forgiveness is at the Heart of Jesus' mission, ministry and message."

Post abortion healing must be an essential part of our Pro-life Ministries. It is an important ingredient of the New Evangelization. Facilitating an encounter with Christ is part of what it means to be Catholic.

We cannot talk about abortion without speaking about God's mercy and healing in Project Rachel.

There is hope after abortion.

It's common to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Be assured that there is forgiveness, hope and healing - many women and men have

participated in diocesan Project Rachel Ministries and returned to a loving relationship with God.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from our Project Rachel Ministry. Visit our website or call our office for information. You can also visit:

www.hopeafterabortion.org for more detailed information. Spanish speakers may visit EsperanzaPosAborto.org.