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Project Rachel of San Antonio, Inc. (PRSA)

PRSA has provided abortion recovery ministry and education for the Archdiocese of San Antonio since 1999. PRSA offers 24/7 telephone help, retreats and support groups, individual ministry, training, parish and ministry resources and educational programs.

Presenters

Adriana Arzac, Ph.D. Behavioral Health, UTHSCSPH, Houston, M.A. Clinical Psychology, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City. Dr. Arzac has over 25 years of psychotherapy experience, and is presently the coordinator of Proyecto Raquel, PRSA's Spanish-language ministry. She is also a trainer for emergency personnel in natural disasters, specializing in PTSD.

Mary Ann Parks, M.A. Theology, St. Mary's University; B.A. Theology, University of Dallas. Mrs. Parks founded and directs PRSA and developed the Raphael's Way program model, a post-abortion program based on the steps of conversion.

Rev. Will Combs, BBD.

Fr. Will Combs is a member of the Brothers of the Beloved Disciple, a charismatic, Marian community here in San Antonio. Fr. Will was born and raised in N.J. and became a Catholic in Ecuador. He now assists at the foot of the cross at St. Mary Magdalen Parish.

Rev. Mr. Jose L. Ocampo, Deacon for the Archdiocese of San Antonio since 2004. Resource Coordinator for West Urban Deanery. OST Lay Ministry Institute, Certified Youth Minister, Adult and Youth Mediator (PAX United), Presenter for Pre-Cana/ marriage/family ministries, trained in Theological Reflection Circle and Worth the Wait Sex Education for families. Married 35 years to Rachel Garcia Ocampo, 13 grandchildren.

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El Camino de Rafael

Abortion Recovery
Ministry for Spanish-Speakers



*"Take courage. God has healing in store for you."
Raphael in Tobit 5:10*

A Seminar on the Impact of Abortion: Clinical and Pastoral Understanding and Care

For clergy, mental health and medical professionals, and pastoral workers (chaplains, grief and hospice ministers, substance abuse counselors, campus ministers, spiritual directors, youth ministers, and retreat facilitators).

Mexican American Catholic College

3115 West Ashby Place
San Antonio, TX 78228

August 20, 2009

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration Form

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Email _____
Parish or Ministry, if applicable _____
Field or Speciality _____ LPC CEU's desired? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Fee of \$ 25 includes lunch and materials. \$10 additional for LPC CEU's.
Reduced fees for priests and, religious. Scholarships available.

Registration Deadline: August 9th

To register: call (210) 342-4673 or 722-4213, email Rachel@anewchoice.org, or clip and send this form with fee to
Project Rachel of San Antonio, 9862 Lorene, Suite 108, SATX 78216.

Registration will become final upon receipt of fee. Space is limited.
Onsite registration available, without lunch.

Be an Early Bird!! Register by August 3rd, and get a ticket for a Free Full Breakfast at Assumption Seminary Cafeteria

SCHEDULE

8-8:30 Check in and Materials by Liskens Hall
Continental Breakfast in Fiesta Room

LISKENS HALL

8:30 Benediction and Welcome

9:00 Overview of Data: Impact on Person,
Family, and Church, with focus on Hispanics
New forms of abortion and their effects
Core Wound/Core of Recovery

9:50 BREAK – Coffee, Fiesta Room

10:00 Abortion and men
10:25 Grandparents, siblings, spouses

10:45 Cultural aspects of aftermath in Hispanics
Trauma and Unresolved Grief

12:00 LUNCH - Assumption Seminary Cafeteria

Afternoon Tracks

Psychotherapists, Counselors, Health Care Workers

1 -3:00 ALFARO ROOM
Recovery: research-based clinical and
supportive approaches; Particular issues and
populations (sick, dying, mentally ill)

Clergy and Pastoral Ministers

1-2:00 Clergy and pastoral workers together
LISKENS HALL
Elements of Recovery; Conversion ministry

2- 2:50 Priests only
GUADALUPE ROOM
Specific aspects of priestly ministry

2-2:50 Pastoral Workers only
Incorporating PA ministry into your ministry,
with special populations

All

3-3:45 LISKENS HALL
Final Panel, Special topics, Q&A

4:00 MACC CHAPEL
Benediction and Commission



“At its root Post Abortion Aftermath cannot be reduced to a medical or psychological condition. It is the story of love: love lost and love that needs to be regained”

Pauline Boss, President and Fellows of Harvard College, 1999

“*The deep wound of there not being any verification of the loss, no death certificate, no ‘velorio’ (wake), no funeral, no body, nothing to bury, keeps women suffering from unresolved grief not even knowing why*”

Catherine Coyle, Ph.D.

“A guilt-ridden, tormented male does not easily love or accept love. His denial of himself and his relentless feelings of post-abortion emptiness and guilt may prevent him from seeking compassion, support or affection”

Reclaiming Fatherhood www.menandabortion.com

“*I know, Father, you have forgiven me because I took my pain to Christ, but how do I explain the ball games lost, camping and all the long talks, father-son times we never had... I still cry*”

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“Men are hidden partners in every abortion decision”
Alliance for Post Abortion Research and Training

“*Incomplete relationships create unresolved grief... and unresolved grief creates incomplete relationship*”

The Grief Institute

“The woman who suffers after abortion needs help looking at the consequences of her action and at the spiritual and practical ways to start her life anew”

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We can only know Christ as Savior.