

# The MESSAGE

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Community Newspaper

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**Editor's note:** This supplement to the digital edition of *The Message* will appear monthly, and will feature news and information about ministries across the Diocese of Evansville and the events they are sponsoring. This supplement also is posted to *The Message* website ([evdiomessage.org](http://evdiomessage.org)) and the Diocese of Evansville website ([evdio.org](http://evdio.org)). Links also appear on diocesan social-media pages.

YOU ARE JOYFULLY INVITED TO  
FIRST CHOICE SOLUTIONS'  
*Gift of Life*  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET 2024  
AS WE  
CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF INCORPORATION

NEW! TWO TIMES TO CHOOSE FROM  
DINNER FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 12, AT 6:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30 PM  
OR BRUNCH SATURDAY, APRIL 13, AT 10:00 AM  
DOORS OPEN @ 9:30 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:  
MIKE FICHTER, PRESIDENT AND CEO  
INDIANA RIGHT TO LIFE

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1139 S ST RD IN-57, WASHINGTON, INDIANA

\$20/ADULTS \$15/18 YRS & YOUNGER  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR A SPECIFIC DATE - LIMITED SEATING  
PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE: 812. 257. 1041

HELP STOCK OUR BOUTIQUE! BRING A PACKAGE OF DIAPERS  
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A GIFT BASKET



**Rachel's Vineyard  
Retreats**

*Hurting from abortion?  
Know someone who is?*

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men suffering from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion.

**Upcoming Retreats in 2024:**  
May 3-5 – Owensboro, Kentucky area  
July 19-21 – Cullman, Alabama  
October 11-13 – Owensboro, Kentucky area


Contact Rita: (270) 474-4707  
Email: [retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com)

*Healing the trauma of abortion –  
one weekend at a time.*



**DIocese of Evansville**

## EVANSVILLE WISDOM DAY



**BACKGROUND**  
Wisdom Day is one day per year when Catholics 55+ come together to hear speakers, eat, and enjoy some entertainment. These events are held annually in Jasper, Vincennes, and Evansville and are free for attendees, thanks to generous donations.

The last Wisdom Day in Evansville was in 2019! The event was paused in 2020 and 2021 for health precautions. The event has not taken place in 2022 and 2023 because the previous planning committee did not reconvene.

This event would often attract over 300 attendees and the consensus among many is that it is time to bring the event back in 2024.

**ERIC GIRTEN**  
Office of Family & Life  
[egirten@evdio.org](mailto:egirten@evdio.org)  
812-424-5536

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

- Christian attitude toward others
- Ability to work with others as a team to accomplish a goal
- Attend up to 4, one-hour meetings per year
- Help at the Wisdom Day event

This Planning Committee is starting from scratch. Please do not assume that someone else will volunteer in your place. If interested but not sure, please contact us.

**NEXT STEPS**  
We are looking for volunteers to sit on the planning committee for this event. Send in your interest to attend the 'regroup' meeting

The Office of Family & Life is giving away **12 marriage builder packages!** Whether you feel like your marriage needs some assistance or if you just want to make good a lot better! If interested, email Eric Girten at [egirten@evdio.org](mailto:egirten@evdio.org)



**Building a Eucharistic Marriage**

The 7 Part video-based program to help your marriage thrive in Christ!

13 Chapters




IT'S FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

SACRAMENTAL AND MENTAL HEALTH HEALING

Do you know someone who has had an abortion? Send them this information.

812-483-7812  
CALL OR TEXT  
[PROJECTRACHEL@EVDIO.ORG](mailto:PROJECTRACHEL@EVDIO.ORG)



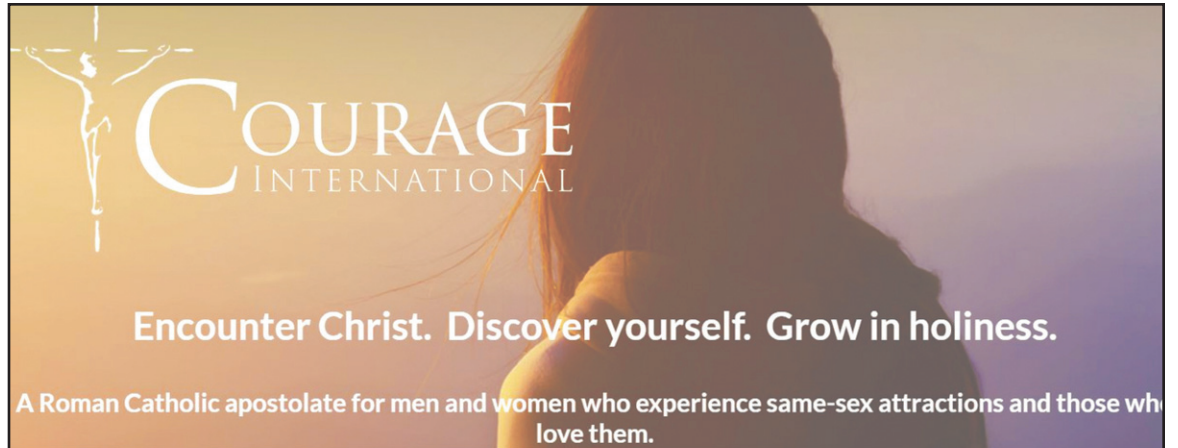
PROJECT RACHEL



**LIFE-GIVING Wounds**  
 HEALING RETREAT FOR  
*Adult Children of Divorce*  
 SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024

Learn more and register here

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**




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 E-mail: [Courage@evdio.org](mailto:Courage@evdio.org)



**5 GOALS OF COURAGE**

1. CHASTITY
2. PRAYER & DEDICATION
3. FELLOWSHIP
4. SUPPORT
5. GOOD EXAMPLE



Groups going on now  
 Diocese of Evansville  
 Phone: (812) 746-4182  
 E-mail: [Courage@evdio.org](mailto:Courage@evdio.org)



CARE COMMUNITY FOR Foster & Adoptive FAMILIES

Local volunteers providing services such as

-  BABYSITTING
-  TUTORING
-  TRANSPORTATION
-  MEALS

In conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life, we have a **local** care community for foster and adoptive families who would like a little extra support – a few services that could be offered are preparing meals, tutoring for children, babysitting, providing transportation, etc.

All volunteers working with families have been trained and background checked.

Please use the QR code below if you are:

- interested in fostering
- interested in volunteering through your parish or diocesan care community
- a foster or adoptive parent in need of support
- interested in starting a care community within your parish

