



*From the Desk of the Director of
Post Abortion and Pregnancy Loss Ministry*

**The Gospel of Life
SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly, what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost, and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and because of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life."

At the Life Center of Long Island, we believe we have been called to reach out to women, and men, who have experienced an abortion and lead them to healing. We have just completed another **Entering Canaan - A Woman's Retreat Day of Prayer & Healing**. One of the participants texted the following message to me:

*"It's *Jennie, I just wanted to reach out and thank you, Theresa, Mary, Veronica, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Fred and Dr. Jim for your love and support during the Entering Canaan Retreat. God bless you and Theresa for helping women who are suffering and burdened walk out of the darkness toward the Light. Since the retreat, I have had deeper peace, I felt lighter and more of who God made me to be. I can't thank you all enough. I'll reach out to Theresa as well, but I just wanted to send you a quick text to let you know how grateful I am. You were chosen for a great purpose." *Name changed*

We now have scheduled **A Woman's Weekend Retreat** of Prayer & Healing for Friday, September 26, 2025 through Sunday, September 28, 2025.

We are now in the planning stages of our very first **Entering Canaan - A Men's Day Retreat of Prayer & Healing**. Should you or someone you know, have knowledge of a man who is suffering from the abortion of his child and is seeking healing and forgiveness, please forward the following contact information to him for inquiry of our upcoming Men's Retreat Day.

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Entering Canaan

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For those suffering
from a past abortion

Come begin your
healing journey!

His mercy and peace
are waiting for you!

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