## Living Scripture Retreat Registration

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**Retreat Cost**: \$175.00 **Deposit**: \$40.00

Financial assistance is available.

Make check payable to:

#### **Catholic Diocese of Peoria**

Mail registration form and payment to:
Living Scripture
419 NE Madison Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603
Or register online at
www.cdop.org/livingscripture.

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### Catholic Diocese of Peoria Living Scripture Retreat contacts:

Colleen Harmon (309) 264-1489 rvrpeoria@gmail.com

Catholic Diocese of Peoria (309) 671-1550

Additional diocesan Living Scripture Retreat contacts:

Diocese of Joliet, IL (866) 994-GIVE(4483)

Diocese of Madison, WI (608) 821-3177

Diocese of Springfield, IL 877-RACHEL-5

"It was the best weekend of my life. I was able to share my grief, my guilt, my anger. I was able to mourn the loss of my baby. But most important, I was able to believe that she now lives with Jesus. For a short time I could almost touch her and hold her and see her. For this, I will always be grateful."



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"Therefore I will allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her heart. There I will give her back her vineyards and transform her Valley of Troubles into a Door of Hope."

Hosea 2: 16-17

Spiritual Journey for Healing after Abortion

# Living Scripture Retreats for Healing after Abortion

Living Scripture weekend retreats offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion.

The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and nonjudgmental process.

Group spiritual exercises focus on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy. Psychological exercises help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist.

Many preconceived fears of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by peace and reconciliation.

## General Information

**Registration:** Registrations must be received a week prior to the scheduled retreat. Participants will receive a call before the weekend to address or answer any questions about the retreat. A letter of confirmation with driving directions and a map to the Retreat House will be forwarded.

**Schedule:** The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday late afternoon.

**Cost:** The \$175.00 registration fee includes lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday, two meals on Sunday, and materials. Financial assistance is available.

**Questions:** To speak to someone who has attended a Living Scripture retreat, contact Colleen Harmon at (309) 264-1489.

Confidentiality: The Living Scripture strictly respects confidentiality and privacy. If you or someone you know is hurting, please call today.

**Information:** Over 300,000 individuals, couples and families have been served through these healing retreats. For more information, call the toll-free national hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4\_ME or visit the website at www.cdop.org/livingscripture

"For 18 years, I have been haunted with heavy guilt that no one could take away, tormented by thoughts of what my child would have been like. Through participating in Rachel's Vineyard, I was finally able to forgive myself. I know that God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart, and has washed away my guilt."

I experienced a great inner healing. I would highly

recommend this retreat to anyone who has felt the void and shame of the abortion experience. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the completely unconditional love of Christ, and grieve your loss."

No words can explain the healing that I experienced on this weekend retreat.

It was conducted with love and gentleness in an area of my life that was war-torn, raw, and bleeding. God's mercy and love was behind this retreat. It was so important for me to dig deep and release the pain of the past. I be-

lieve this made room and God, then, filled that room with genuine love for his lost children, family, friends, and especially ourselves.



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