

# Right to Life League

# Life and Times

*The Right to Life League of Southern California is an education and service organization dedicated to the support and protection of innocent human life from conception to natural death.*

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## In Memoriam:

Eleanor (Tess) Helen Althoff Wiater

## Center Locations

Covina  
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 Palmdale  
 Ridgecrest  
 Riverside  
 Temple City  
 Yucca Valley



Jacob and Matthew Band



Sr. Rita at Right to Life League Table



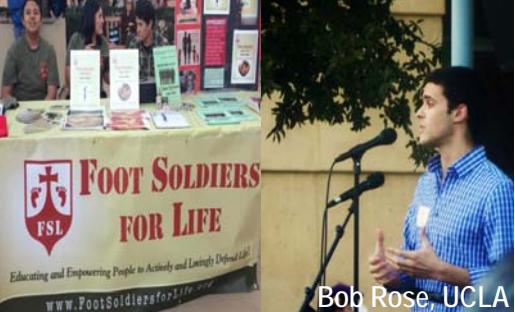
Guest Speaker Danielle Rose



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**Thanks to all who supported The Youth Rally for Life!**

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The Right to Life League presents a workshop by Vicki Thorn

## UNDERSTANDING THE AFTERMATH OF ABORTION AND HOW TO HELP

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013

10:00AM-4:00PM

Check-In and Coffee at 9:30 AM



**PROJECT RACHEL**—IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS HOPE AND HEALING AFTER THE LOSS AND GRIEF OF AN ABORTION. MANY PEOPLE ARE TROUBLED IN THE AFTERMATH—WOMEN, MEN, GRANDPARENTS, SIBLINGS, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS

Topics include:

- Why can't a mother forget the children she has conceived?
- What is the biology of men during pregnancy?
- How would siblings know someone is missing in the family?
- What are the symptoms of abortion's aftermath in women and men?
- How can we help people heal from this loss?
- Why should people heal from their loss?

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:  
LUNCH IS INCLUDED**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Professional Counselors
- Social Workers
- Grief Ministers
- Suicide Counselors
- Family Therapists
- Priests
- Deacons
- Clergy
- Spiritual Directors
- Youth Ministers
- Hospital and Jail Chaplains
- Geriatric Chaplains
- Addiction Counselors
- Hospice Chaplains
- Seminarians
- Mental Health Professionals
- Crisis Center Professionals
- Project Rachel Counselors
- Psychologists
- School Chaplains
- School Counselors
- Retreat Centers
- Midwives and Doulas

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\$60 after February 22**

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Right to Life League  
1028 N. Lake Ave, Suite 207  
Pasadena, CA 91104

**MORE INFO CALL 626-398-6100  
OR Register Online at [www.rtlsc.org](http://www.rtlsc.org)**

Vicki Thorn is the founder of the nation-wide post-abortion healing ministry **Project Rachel**.

**Project Rachel** is operated under the USCCB and is a ministry composed of a network of caregivers, including specially trained clergy, volunteers, and mental health professionals, who provide one-on-one care to women, men and other family members who have been touched by abortion loss. With over 30 years experience, Vicki is an international speaker and author on the topics of abortion's aftermath in women, men and others as well as the process of post-abortion healing.



### REGISTRATION FORM FOR PROJECT RACHEL COUNSELING TRAINING

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

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WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE USE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON**

#### INCLUDES:

All training materials  
Lunch and refreshments

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## In Memoriam: Eleanor (Tess) Helen Althoff Wiater

November 27, 1920 – January 10, 2013

Eleanor (Tess) Helen Althoff Wiater, wife of Edward Joseph Wiater, MD, who were both founding members of The Right to Life League, died peacefully at home in Rolling Hills, CA, on January 10, 2013. Tess and Ed were among the founders who signed the Articles of Incorporation for the Right to Life League in 1969.

A longtime resident of Southern California, Tess was born in Illinois. After graduating from High School, she went on to complete her degree as a registered nurse in 1941 and entered into the Army Nurse Corps. She served overseas in North Africa during World War II; there, she contracted tuberculosis and upon her return in 1944 she recuperated in Denver, Colorado. It was in Denver that Tess met her future husband, Captain Edward Joseph Wiater, MD. During World War II, he served as a general duty medical officer and flight surgeon with the US Air Force. After Ed was discharged from the Air Force, Ed and Tess lived in various places while he completed his orthopedic residencies. In 1950, they moved to Long Beach, CA and bought a home in Lakewood. In addition to raising three children, Tess was active in many school, church and community organizations, with the Right to Life League being an ongoing commitment throughout her life. The League is so grateful for the leadership of such a passionate defender of Life.

The family has asked that gifts in her memory be sent to The Right to Life League.

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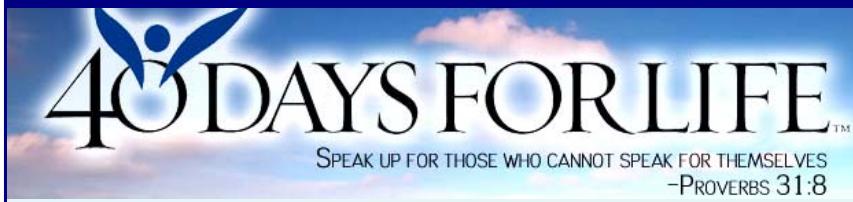
### SAVE THE DATE!

### Tournament fore Life

Monday, June 17, 2013

Sponsored by The Right to Life League of Southern California

The Third Right to Life of Southern California "TOURNAMENT FORE LIFE" will be held on June 17, 2013 at the La Canada Flintridge Country Club, located at 5500 Godbey Drive, La Canada, CA 91011  
Join us for a day of FUN on the Golf Course, Dinner, Contests, Auction, Raffle Prizes and more!



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**  
SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES  
—PROVERBS 31:8

**THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** starts February 13 to March 24 2013, at cities and towns across America. The concept is amazingly simple, but it will change our nation and ultimately the world. The effort consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil outside of abortion facilities. To find a 40 Days for Life location near you, visit [40daysforlife.com/locations](http://40daysforlife.com/locations). *Over 1,633 individual campaigns have taken place in 422 cities. More than 500,000 have joined together in a historic display of unity to pray and fast for an end to abortion.*



The Knights of Columbus Van Nuys sponsors the **Annual March for Life LA** Saturday, March 16, 2013 9:00AM, down Ventura Boulevard, starting from *St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church* 15520 Ventura Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 91403. Contact Bob Lombardo at (818) 891-3239 for more information. *The LA March is an ecumenical event that is brought to you by the Knights of Columbus, Van Nuys Council 3148. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the plight of the unborn and to raise funds that support pro-life causes in the San Fernando Valley.*



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## Yesenia's Testimony at The Youth Rally for Life

I think in life we all have choices and I started discovering there are good and bad choices. During my senior year in high school, one of my best friends got pregnant. She came to me for help, knowing my Catholic background; but, really, I wasn't sure of how to speak with her about the abortion she was thinking of having. She was one of my really good friends; so, I remember it was a Sunday night at 9pm and I asked my mom permission to go talk with her. The next morning at 7:15, she was going to have an abortion; and, she had only told her boyfriend. He was very upset and demanded she get rid of this child; and it was really awful. Her background is that her mother got pregnant with her at the same age; and, so it was a repetitive thing and she didn't want to do the same thing. Still, I didn't know how to talk with her about it.

I remembered my mom gave me a pro-life CD back when I was in High School. At the time, I just ignored it and put it in my backpack; I never really looked at it. My mom told me to show it to her, "Take your laptop and just watch it in the car". So, we watched it and we cried; at that moment a fire inside of me spoke out for this child. I think God really calls us, each one of us, to a passion in life. He really enflames us at some moment in our lives. This was my moment, where I was enraged and asked myself how this could be happening. Was this really going on? I was crying and she was crying when, suddenly, she stopped and said, "You know what? No one is going to defend my baby. I am." She asked me if I would help her and I said of course I would. The next morning, my mom told me she spoke to someone at work about my best friend and they told her they were going to Mass for her at 7:15 and to ask if she would like to attend as well. I asked her and she said she would. Ironically, at the same time she was scheduled to have the abortion, we were together at Mass. Her boyfriend came too. They both chose to keep the baby and subsequently converted to the Catholic faith. They married, have two children, a home and a happy life together. I think sometimes bad things come our way and we are convinced there is nothing we can do. But, God can turn all hardships into blessings that change our lives dramatically and do something amazing. Life is amazing.



*The Right to Life League wishes you & your family a  
Happy Valentine's Day!*

## From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at the 2013 Youth Rally for Life. We wanted to bring the pro-life message to teens in Los Angeles on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and could not have done it without your support.

Please consider attending the upcoming training for our Post-abortion healing program, Project Rachel, if you feel called to this ministry. The need for more counselors to provide direct care to

## Anne Hennessy

women, men and adolescents suffering in the aftermath of abortion is great. We are pleased to bring Founder of Project Rachel, Vicki Thorn, to Los Angeles to impart her expertise gained over 28 years in the field of post-abortion healing. You can find more information about this special event at our website, [www.rtllsc.org](http://www.rtllsc.org).

As always, please continue to pray for our work and send any of your prayer intentions to [prayerbasket@rtllsc.org](mailto:prayerbasket@rtllsc.org). Thank you for all you do to protect and defend Life.

- Anne