

## MEMBERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Thomas Behr**, lecturer in history at University of Houston and in humanities at University of Houston–Clear Lake, published “Luigi Taparelli and Social Justice: Rediscovering the Origins of a ‘Hallowed’ Concept,” *Social Justice in Context*, vol. 1 (East Carolina University Press, 2005), 3-16; this was originally presented as the inaugural address for the opening of the Carolyn Freeze Baynes Institute for Social Justice.

**Theresa Burke, Ph.D., LPC, NCP, and Kevin Burke, MSS/LSW**, are preparing to release a new retreat model for the healing of sexual abuse entitled “From Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse—Reclaiming the Gift of Sexual Dignity.” Kevin and Theresa, pastoral associates of Priests for Life, are the founders of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries ([www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)), which provides weekend retreats, clinical training, and support group models for healing after abortion. Rachel’s Vineyard has been growing at a 40 percent growth rate and has spread to seventeen countries and 47 states. Their new program, “From Grief to Grace,” is a process for helping victims of abuse discover spiritual healing and transformation. This program was created to end the isolation and secrets of abuse within a retreat process that is fully centered upon the person and presence of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. Using a sensory based treatment that integrates the psychological and the spiritual, the program is designed for those who have suffered degradation or violation through rape, incest, clergy abuse, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult.

**Peter J. Colosi**, assistant professor of philosophy at Franciscan University in Garing, Austria, presented “The Uniqueness of Persons in the Thought of Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II, with Emphasis on His Indebtedness to Max Scheler” at “Karol Wojtyla’s Philosophical Legacy,” a conference sponsored by Saint Joseph College, West Hartford, Connecticut, March 22-23, 2006. He was an invited participant in “A Growing Gap—Living and Forgotten Christian Roots in Europe and the United States,” a conference that grew out of a critical discussion between Christoph Cardinal Schönborn and George Weigel related to Weigel’s book *The Cube and the Cathedral* (Basic Books, 2005). Colosi attended and participated in work group discussions with a group of approximately 65 international scholars and politicians at the personal invitation of the Cardinal. The conference took place at the Cardinal’s residence in Vienna, Austria, from April 26 – 29, 2006. He also

presented “The Meaning of Suffering in the Thought of Max Scheler and Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II” at “The Phenomenology of John Paul II,” Dec. 1-2, 2006, a conference sponsored by the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University.

**Gerard McKeegan**, pharmacy manager of Ross Park Home Infusion Services and adjunct clinical instructor, Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, presented “Duty, Honor and Conscience: Reflections of a Pro-Life Pharmacist in the Trenches” at the sixteenth Annual Meeting of the University Faculty for Life held at Villanova University in June 2006.

**Rev. Michael P. Orsi**, research fellow in law and religion at Ave Maria School of Law, published several book reviews and articles, including “Catholic Pioneer Conquers Public School Prejudice,” *This Rock*, March 2006; “Obedient Catholic Priests Take Another Hit,” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, June 2006; a review of “The Rosary: Prayer Comes Round” *Touchstone*, October 2006; and “It’s A Wonderful Life” *The Wanderer*, December 2006.