



Voice of the Faithful™

"Keep the Faith, Change the Church"™

THE LAITY: 99% OF THE CHURCH; 100% OF THE MONEY

The Diocese of Bridgeport paid \$37.7 Million in the settlement of sexual abuse cases. The average cost to each parish is \$433,000. That's \$3,300 per family. Still, there is no detailed accounting to the laity as to the exact source of this money or how it is being spent. Bridgeport is in the top ten of 195 dioceses nationally in terms of settlement costs. You are entitled to this information. Direct public election of diocesan Finance councils would enable such disclosure. Councils appointed by Bishops are accountable only to the bishops. Lay women and men are as Catholic as any bishop.

Voice of the Faithful meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. The Fairfield-Westchester affiliate meets the third Tuesday at 7:30 PM at Christ Church in Greenwich.

VOTF's goals are to support survivors of sexual abuse by priests; to support priests of integrity; and to work for structural change in the Church in accordance with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. We invite you to visit our website:

www.votfbpt.org