



Voice of the Faithful™

"Keep the Faith, Change the Church"™

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH NEEDS DEMOCRACY AND OPENNESS

Who will fill the pews when the ongoing sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church abates? The hierarchy is playing a waiting game and hoping for a return to business as usual. Do the church leaders expect that the shortage of priests will be filled from the ranks of today's young Catholics, so many of whom find Church teachings irrelevant to their daily lives? A Vatican II "open window" Church is urgently needed for Catholics of all ages! We Americans expect transparency and accountability in the many institutions affecting our lives. The Church needs democratically elected lay diocesan, parish and finance councils.

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 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