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VOTF TO VIEW VIDEO OF “BLESS ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED!”

“Priestly Sexual Abuse and Episcopal Accountability” will be discussed by Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Thursday, January 13, at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk, at 7:30 p.m. A videotaped segment of “Bless Me, Father, For I Have Sinned!”, a play based on court documents and presented on stage on November 13, will be shown.

Group discussion will consider why did this happen? What does it tell about the state of the priesthood? How did the bishops and their subordinates understand their responsibility to protect innocent children? What reforms are needed to guard against this in the future? What is the responsibility of every Catholic to demand reform?

The mission of Voice of the Faithful, an organization of mainstream Catholics, is to be “a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.” VOTF believes that a reasoned dialogue among bishop, priests, nuns, and laymen and women will contribute to the renewal of the Church.

For further information about VOTF in the Diocese of Bridgeport and for directions to the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk consult www.votfbpt.org.