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VOTF takes no position on question of female deacons

To the Editor:

I would like to correct one item in Frank Fay’s story “VOTF hears argument for female deacons”(*The Hour*, Nov. 2).

Voice of the Faithful has taken no position on the question of female deacons.

However, VOTF’s National Representative Council, meeting in Providence on Oct. 20, adopted a resolution calling for a full and open discussion of the role of women in the Church.

Recalling the Second Vatican Council’s description of the **Church as the People of God, the resolution declared that the future of the faith depends on a supporting structure that includes the voices and talents of everyone. The voices and gifts of the laity in general and of women in particular, however, have been marginalized.**

Therefore, “Voice of the Faithful calls for Church-wide reexamination and reform of the role of women in Church ministry and in the governance of the Church.”

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