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Mark Massa, S.J. to Speak to VOTF

Mark Massa, S.J., Co-Director of the Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, will speak at the Voice of the Faithful meeting on Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. His topic will be: “The Church in the 21st Century: Evangelical and Catholic.”

His research interest is the Catholic experience in the United States since World War II. His book, *Catholics and American Culture: Fulton Sheen, Dorothy Day, and the Notre Dame Football Team*, published by Crossroad Press in 1999, studies three iconic elements of the church in the 20th century. His more recent work, *Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice?* (Crossroad Press, 2003) shows how the differences in how Catholics and other Americans see the world have contributed to the perception of Catholics by their fellow citizens. Presently he is working on a history of Catholic theology in the United States since the Second Vatican Council.

After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Detroit, Fr. Massa received master's degrees from the University of Chicago and Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and his doctorate in church history from Harvard University.