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## *SCOTT TO SPEAK AT VOTF*

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Kieran Scott will speak on the topic "How the Church Orders its Life: Power and Authority" at the meeting of Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Thursday, January 8, at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk at 7:30 PM. Note that the regular monthly meeting has been transferred from January 1 to January 8.

Dr. Scott, who did his doctoral studies at Columbia University, currently teaches in the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University. His theological expertise is in ecclesiology, marriage, and foundational theology. His educational expertise is in adult education, curriculum theory and religious education. He has published widely in religious journals and educational periodicals. Oxford University recently published his book (with Michael Warren) Perspectives on Marriage.

Voice of the Faithful, an organization of mainstream Catholics, seeks "to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church". Its goals are three: to support those who have been abused; to support priests of integrity; and, to shape structural change within 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](http://www.votfbpt.org). Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

The Fairfield-Westchester VOTF affiliate will meet next on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Christ Church in Greenwich. Further Norwalk information is available from Jim Alvord (203-847-4145) and from Tom Malarkey (914-946-7315) for Fairfield-Westchester. Both affiliates are part of the Boston-headquartered VOTF ([www.votf.org](http://www.votf.org)) an organization of over 30,000 mainstream practicing Catholics in 188 Parish Voice Affiliates in 40 U.S. states and 21 countries formed in response to the current multi-nation clergy sexual abuse crisis. **Bridgeport Bishop William E. Lori does not allow local groups to meet on Catholic Church premises**