

PRESS RELEASE

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Margaret A. Farley, PhD, recently retired Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale Divinity School, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, December 4, meeting of Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) in the diocese of Bridgeport. A Sister of Mercy, Farley's topic will be *Forgiveness in the Service of Justice*. The general meeting is open to the public and will be held at the First Congregational Church on the Norwalk Green at 7:30 pm.

Dr. Farley, an ethicist, shared with renowned author Rev. Henri Nouwen the distinction of being the first Roman Catholic faculty member at the Yale Divinity School. She has written six books to date, including *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Social Ethics*, published in 2006. She received the John Courtney Murray award from the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), and she has served as president of both the CTSA and the Society of Christian Ethics. Dr. Farley has written extensively on feminist ethics and the Catholic moral tradition, liberation, abortion, responsibility, justice and the role of women in the Church, and divorce and remarriage.

Voice of the Faithful is seeking contributions to its 2008-2009 Voice of Compassion Fund for the direct support of area human service charities in the Bridgeport Diocese. Contributions for the Voice of Compassion Fund may be sent to VOTF, PO Box 5044, Westport, CT 06881.

For further information about VOTF in the Diocese of Bridgeport, this year's March 28th annual conference at Fairfield University entitled "The Future of the Eucharist... Do this in Remembrance of Me," the Voice of Compassion Fund, or directions to the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk, please consult www.votfbpt.org.