Rev. Donald Cozzens, Ph.D.,
Writer in Residence, John Carroll University,
Will Speak at VOTF 10th Year Conference

Award-winning, best-selling author and teacher Rev. Donald Cozzens, Ph.D., who is a noted national and international commentator and lecturer on religious and cultural issues, especially on the Church's sexual and financial crises, will speak at Voice of the Faithful's 10th Year Conference in Boston Sept. 14 and 15, 2012, at the Marriott Boston Copley Place Hotel. Fr. Cozzens will address the conference on Saturday, Sept. 15. Click here for a conference agenda.

Before accepting an appointment as writer in residence in the theology department at John Carroll University, Father Donald Cozzens was president-rector of Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Cleveland, Ohio.

During his tenure at Saint Mary Seminary, he published the controversial, award-winning book, The Changing Face of the Priesthood. It was both broadly acclaimed and fiercely critiqued—and changed the direction of his ministry as a priest. In addition to his teaching and writing, he now travels widely, lecturing on the crisis engulfing the Catholic Church and leading retreats for priests and religious.

Father Cozzens is also the author of Sacred Silence: Denial and the Crisis in the Church, Faith That Dares to Speak, and Freeing Celibacy and the editor of The Spirituality of the Diocesan Priest. His best-selling and award winning books have been translated into seven languages.

In addition, Fr. Cozzens is the 2009 recipient of Voice of the Faithful's Priest of Integrity Award. The POI Award recognizes courage and dedication in addressing the abuse crisis and its coverup in the Catholic Church. Specifically, the POI Award is given to priests who fulfill their calling from God by living their lives in the service of others; who are marked by a sincere faith, loyal to the vows and promises of the priesthood; who speak and act their consciences, proclaiming the truth with humility, courage and compassion without regard for their own future security; who model servant-leadership, both in the context of their lives and in their ministries; who give credible witness to the truth in both speech and action; and who strive to promote Christian dignity and the rightful position of the laity in the Church.