



VOTF 2014 Assembly: Turning Talk into Action

CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER – SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

Agenda

- 9:00 A.M.** Registration
10:00 - 10:15 A.M. Welcome
Opening Prayer, **Joanne Moran**, Co-Founder, Greater West Hartford, Connecticut, VOTF Affiliate
10:15 – 10:55 A.M. **John L. Allen, Jr.**
Perspectives on Pope Francis & A Climate of Change
Associate Editor for Catholic News, *The Boston Globe*; Vatican Correspondent, CNN; Former Senior Correspondent & founder of Vatican beat, *National Catholic Reporter*
10:55 – 11:00 A.M. **William V. D’Antonio**, Dedication of revised edition of *Voices of the Faithful: Loyal Catholics Striving for Change*, by William V. D’Antonio and Anthony Pogorelec, with sales benefiting VOTF
11:00 – 11:45 A.M. Q&A with **John L. Allen, Jr.**
11:45 – 12:30 P.M. Lunch
12:30 – 1:15 P.M. **Fr. Thomas Reese – Jesuit Spirituality**
Senior Analyst, *National Catholic Reporter*; Former Associate Editor, *America* magazine
1:15 – 1:45 P.M. Q&A with **Fr. Thomas Reese**
2:00 – 4:15 P.M. Action Workshops: How-to Sessions by VOTF Members

Financial Accountability

- Diocesan Level • 2-3 P.M. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.
Parish Level • 2-3 P.M. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.

Female Voices

- 2-3 p.m. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.

Clericalism/Optional Celibacy & Married Priests

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Celibacy • 2-3 P.M. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.

Survivor Support: What You Can Do *(Workshop led by Fr. Tom Doyle)*

- 2-3 p.m. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.

- 4:15 – 5:15 P.M.** **Panel Discussion – Pathways to Healing & Reform**
William Casey
Former VOTF Board of Trustees Chair; Coordinator, Restorative Justice Program, Northern Virginia Mediation Service
Rev. James Connell
Canon Lawyer; Retired Pastor; a founder of Catholic Whistleblowers
Thomas W. Porter, Jr.
Trial Lawyer; Mediator; Methodist Minister; Boston University School of Theology Teacher with concentration in Religion & Conflict Transformation
5:15 - 5:30 P.M. Assembly Summary
Closing Prayer, **Carolyn Disco**, Merrimack, New Hampshire, presented VOTF St. Catherine of Siena Distinguished Layperson Award in 2007