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Panel Member

### Fr. James Connell

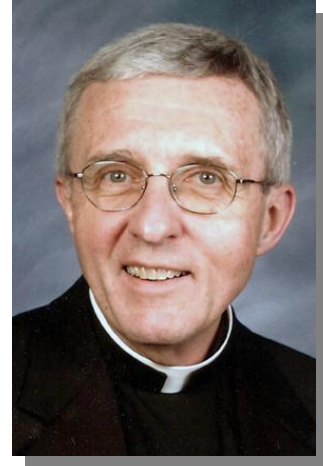
*Panel Discussion: Pathways to Healing & Reform*

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**T**he Rev. James E. Connell, a Canon lawyer and priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, advocates on behalf of victims/survivors of Catholic clergy sexual abuse of minors. A former member of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee clergy sexual abuse audit review board, Fr. Connell has called for Church leaders to reveal the complete truth about clergy sexual abuse.



In this effort, Fr. Connell challenges Church policies and practices on local and national levels. Last year, Fr. Connell joined like-minded clergy and others to found Catholic Whistleblowers, a network of current and former priests, women religious, brothers, deacons and laypersons who actively support survivors of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

Fr. Connell served as pastor of St. Clement and Holy Name of Jesus parishes in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and as vicar general for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1987. Prior to becoming a priest, Fr. Connell worked as a CPA and a management consultant.

A member of the Canon Law Society of America, Fr. Connell holds ecclesiastical degrees of Doctor of Canon Law from Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He also holds a doctorate in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada. His seminary formation was at the Pontifical North American College, Rome.

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