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Note: Our stalwart editor Peggie Thorp is taking some long-deserved time away during July and August. I have been asked to fill-in for her. I will continue her practice of collecting information from people in Affiliates across the country. In addition, I will be featuring various aspects of the October Convention.  
(<http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/>)Sally Vance-Trembath

October Convention: (<http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/>) VOTF can change the Church: Your work in VOTF already has and we can do even more. Come to the Convention to learn even more ways to "Keep the faith: Change the Church."

Convention Previews: McBrien Keynote, Workshops and Panel Previews, Priest of Integrity Award, National News

Richard P. McBrien to speak at VOTF Convention  
Professor McBrien has been a friend of VOTF since Jim Muller and Jim Post asked his advice in 2002. Few theologians have done as much to give voice to

Catholics as Richard McBrien. Read more ([http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/conference\\_details/speakers/index.php#000085](http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/conference_details/speakers/index.php#000085)).

#### Workshops and Panels

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As VOTF's National Convention nears, we move from an internal grounding in conscience to the more active role of disciple. These surveys ([http://www.votf.org/2006/fall07\\_campaign/#surveys](http://www.votf.org/2006/fall07_campaign/#surveys)) will provide you with a tool to assess how your diocese is doing in financial accountability, shared governance and child protection. The results of these surveys will be summarized and compared diocese to diocese at the convention giving each person a foundation for discussion and action.

VOTF member's embrace their Baptism. One way we work towards our goal of structural change is by helping Catholics to take their Baptismal responsibilities seriously. Consider using another VOTF implementation tool, Profile of the 21st Century Catholic in your Affiliate ([http://www.votf.org/2006/fall07\\_campaign/profile\\_catholic.html](http://www.votf.org/2006/fall07_campaign/profile_catholic.html)).

#### National News

Delaware VOTF works with Governor and Legislature to Pass Senate Bill that Helps Victims of Abuse. Read VOTF's Press Release (<http://www.votf.org/Press/pressrelease/062107.html>).

#### Child sex-abuse victims cheer law

For more details, read the story by Beth Miller in the Delaware's News Journal. (<http://www.delawareonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2007707110342>)

#### DIOCESE/State Watch

Paul Lakeland and Catholicism at the Crossroads in South Los Angeles

VOTF of Southern Los Angeles sponsored Paul Lakeland on Sunday June 10. Professor Lakeland gave a presentation entitled "Catholicism at the Crossroads: How the Laity Can Save the Church". Over 100 attended the talk at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Professor Lakeland teaches at Fordham University and his talk was based on his new book of the same name that was recently published by Continuum. Professor Lakeland explained the responsibility of the laity and clergy to share the work of becoming an adult Church. VOTF Southern Los Angeles can be contacted at [votfsola@yahoo.com](mailto:votfsola@yahoo.com) (<mailto:votfsola@yahoo.com>).

Office Note: Looking for meaningful volunteer work? The VOTF National office can help! We have a menu of opportunities. Please call Millie Seaborn at 617-558-5252 or email at [mseaborn@votf.org](mailto:mseaborn@votf.org) (<mailto:mseaborn@votf.org>).

Structural Change Working Group  
([http://www.votf.org/Structural\\_Change/index.html](http://www.votf.org/Structural_Change/index.html))

Voice of Renewal/Lay Education  
([http://www.votf.org/Voice\\_of\\_Renewal/about.html](http://www.votf.org/Voice_of_Renewal/about.html))

Prayerful Voice ([http://www.votf.org/Prayerful\\_Voice/statement.html](http://www.votf.org/Prayerful_Voice/statement.html))

Goal 2 - Priest Support ([http://www.votf.org/Clergy\\_Support/index.html](http://www.votf.org/Clergy_Support/index.html))

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