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National News

The Los Angeles Settlement: The beginning of contrition and healing OR more delays and stonewalling? 10 days later and still the records have not been released. Read more.
(http://www.votf.org/vineyard/July26_2007/la_settlement.html)

"It is a sad day because the Catholic Church was forced to follow the Gospel by the courts."-President Mary Pat Fox commenting on the Los Angeles settlement with more than 500 victims. Read more
(<http://www.votf.org/Press/pressrelease/071607.html>) in Voice of the Faithful's Statement on the Los Angeles Abuse Settlement.

VOTF Brooklyn members had a letter to the Editor printed in the New York Times-" As Americans we are proud, but as Catholics we are appalled, that it took the intervention of our secular legal system to impose upon our spiritual shepherds the obligations their own moral standards should have required long ago." Anne and Ed Wilson of Brooklyn. Read more
(http://www.votf.org/vineyard/July26_2007/letter_to_NYT.html).

The Economist points to Voice of the Faithful in its commentary on the Los Angeles situation. The Economist is one of the most respected and widely read weekly magazines in the world. The magazine has featured the Catholic Church before, perhaps most famously when featured Pope Paul VI. This time The Economist called Mary Pat Fox to talk about Catholic matters. That is a hopeful sign for our movement and for our mission. Read the full story.
(http://www.economist.com/world/na/displaystory.cfm?story_id=9516068%20)

From "Voice of Renewal" to the National Office: VOTF Names Doucette as Executive Director - Read more.
(<http://www.votf.org/Press/pressrelease/071807.html>)

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Convention Notes:

We will raise ourselves up because God is with us. And maybe then we will truly be a people of God transformed." Edwina Gateley, Convention speaker, Saturday October 20th. Read more (http://www.votf.org/blog/convention/2007convention/conference_details/speakers/edwina_gateley/). Disciples in Action (<http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/>)

Convention Registration Now Open! Click here (<http://www.votf.org/blog/convention/2007convention/registration/>).

"We continue to welcome "the Priest of Integrity Award" nominations," says Vince Grenough of the Goal Two Working Group. Read more. (http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/awards/priest_of_integrity_award_1/)

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Other News

"VOTF's mission and goals offer lay Catholics a unique forum..." says Board Chair Bill Casey in his reflections on the VOTF Trustees Meeting in July. Read more (http://www.votf.org/vineyard/July26_2007/trustee_meeting.html)

For the sake of the priesthood and the ordained ministry in the Catholic Church, VOTF's Priest Support Working Group will call for a review of mandatory celibacy in the Western Church.

After further conferring with the officers, the Goal Two Working Group will be developing an implementation plan for its proposal over the next two months. They will present it for approval to the officers at the end of September. They will describe the implementation plan during their Working Group panel presentation in Providence at our Convention in October.

Boston Affiliates hold reunion of those who attended the first VOTF convention. Approximately 100 VOTF members gathered at St James the Great church in Wellesley MA to celebrate a reunion of those that attended the first VOTF convention in June 2002.

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CONVENTION 2007 Updates
(<http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/>)

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Edwina Gateley to speak at VOTF Convention

(http://www.votf.org/blog/convention/2007convention/conference_details/speakers/edwina_gateley/)

Workshops and Panels

(http://www.votf.org/blog/covention/2007convention/conference_details/workshops_and_panels/)

The Priest of Integrity Award

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Bill Casey - VOTF Trustees Meeting Read more

(http://www.votf.org/vineyard/July26_2007/trustee_meeting.html)

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Structural Change Working Group

(http://www.votf.org/Structural_Change/index.html)

Voice of Renewal/Lay Education

(http://www.votf.org/Voice_of_Renewal/about.html)

Prayerful Voice (http://www.votf.org/Prayerful_Voice/statement.html)

Goal 2 - Priest Support (http://www.votf.org/Clergy_Support/index.html)

Protecting Our Children (http://www.votf.org/Protecting_Our_Children/)

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For an overview of press coverage of VOTF, click here.

(<http://news.google.com/news?q=%22Voice%2Bof%2Bthe%2BFaithful%22&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&edition=us&scoring=d>)

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