



# 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**

- Clericalism • 2-3 P.M. • 3:15-4:15 P.M.
- 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