

# VOICE 2019 Conference OF THE FAITHFUL Creating a Just Church

Boston Marriott Newton, Newton, Massachusetts — Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019

## Agenda

- 8:00 A.M.** Registration
- 9:00 A.M.** Welcome, **Mary Pat Fox**, VOTF President and Conference Moderator
- 9:15 A.M.** Opening Prayer, **Jayne O'Donnell**, former VOTF Trustee & Broken Vessel™ Healing Circles Co-Facilitator
- 9:20 A.M.** **Anne Burke**, Illinois Supreme Court Justice, former Interim Chair of U.S. Bishops' Conference National Review Board, with **Char Rivette**, Executive Director, Chicago Children's Advocacy Center—speaking on the collaborative response to child abuse represented by the model of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center
- 10:10 A.M.** Q&A with **Anne Burke** and **Char Rivette**
- 10:40 A.M.** Break
- 10:55 A.M.** **Grassroots Panel Discussion** – **Jan Seidel** and **Susan Vogt**, Cincinnati, Ohio; **Kathleen Coogan**, Washington, D.C.; **Tom Beecher**, Buffalo, New York—Parishioners present their faith communities' responses to clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups
- 11:50 A.M.** Q&A with panel members
- 12:20 P.M.** **Lunch**—During lunch, we will have facilitated discussions at each table on topics featured during the **Grassroots Panel Discussion**. The lunch-table discussions will take up the question: **"What are you doing or could you do in your faith community to help create a more just Church?"** Results will be reported in VOTF's *In the Vineyard* e-newsletter after the conference. (A buffet lunch will be provided for attendees.)
- 2:00 P.M.** **Finance Working Group Presentation**—*Measuring & Ranking Diocesan Online Financial Transparency: 2019* – **Margaret Roylance**, VOTF Trustee and Chair of the VOTF Finance Working Group—with Q&A
- 2:20 P.M.** **Child Protection Working Group Presentation**—The vision for a child protection initiative—**Patricia Gomez**, VOTF Trustee and Chair of the VOTF Child Protection Working Group—with Q&A
- 2:40 P.M.** **Fr. Richard Lennan**, Professor of Systematic Theology, College of Theology & Ministry, Boston College—A presentation on *To Serve the People of God: Renewing the Conversation on Priesthood and Ministry*, co-written by Fr. Lennan and a product of a two-year Boston College "Seminar on Priesthood & Ministry for the Contemporary Church"
- 3:25 P.M.** Q&A with **Fr. Richard Lennan**
- 3:50 P.M.** Closing Remarks — **Mary Pat Fox**, VOTF President
- 4:05 P.M.** Closing Prayer, **Ethel & Chris Doyle**, Ethel is Chair of VOTF's 2019 Conference: *Creating a Just Church* Committee, and she and Chris are long-time VOTF members