

# VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL **2019 Conference** *Creating a Just Church*

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

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## Agenda

- 8:00 A.M.** Registration
- 9:00 A.M.** Welcome, **Mary Pat Fox**, VOTF President
- 9:15 A.M.** Opening Prayer
- 9:25 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
- 10:30 A.M.** Break
- 10:45 A.M.** **Panel Discussion: *Creating a Just Church*** – **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
- 11:30 A.M.** Q&A with panel members (discussion continues during lunch)
- 12:00 P.M.** **Lunch**—During lunch, facilitated discussions on topics featured in morning presentations will continue and results will be reported in VOTF's *In the Vineyard* e-newsletter after the conference  
(A buffet lunch will be available to 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
- 2:30 P.M.** Break
- 2:45 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
- 3:45 P.M.** Closing Remarks — **Mary Pat Fox**, VOTF President
- 3:45 P.M.** Closing Prayer

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