



Voice of the Faithful 20th Year Commemoration

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022

Boston Marriott Newton Hotel

Agenda

- 9:30 A.M.** Registration
- 10:00 A.M.** Welcome – Mary Pat Fox, VOTF President & Commemoration Moderator,
VOTF Past, Present, and Future Hopes and Dreams
Meet old friends and new as we gather in Hotel Conference Room
Opening Prayer
- 11:00 A.M.** VOTF leaders provide updates on major VOTF programs, projects, and initiatives, each followed by Q&A
- Margaret Roylance, Ph.D., VOTF Trustee and Finance Working Group Chair – Reviews of Diocesan Financial Accountability and Transparency and report on unique, first-ever study of Lay Involvement in Governance of the Church through Diocesan Finance Councils
 - Patricia Gomez, Ph.D., VOTF Trustee and Child Protection Working Group Co-Chair – Review of Diocesan Child Protection, Abuse Prevention and Safe Environment Programs
 - Svea Fraser, M.Div., VOTF Trustee and Women’s Emerging Voices Working Group Chair – VOTF programs promoting women’s roles in the Church and a women’s ordained diaconate
 - Donna Doucette, VOTF Executive Director – Listening to the Faithful: Synod 2021-2023 and VOTF’s Synod Sessions Report to the Vatican’s General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops
- 12:00 P.M.** Lunch – Grace before meal offered by Phyllis Zagano, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate-in-Residence and Adjunct Professor of Religion at Hofstra University, internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and expert on women’s diaconate, and prolific, award-winning author
- [Click here](#) to view Dr. Zagano’s presentation at VOTF’s 2020 Conference
- 1:30 P.M.** Keynote Address – Thomas H. Groome, Ed.D., Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College and world-renowned author and religious education expert.
Putting Jesus at the Heart of Keeping the Faith and Changing Church – An Interactive Presentation
- [Click here](#) to view an excerpt from Dr. Groome’s address at VOTF’s 10th Year Conference in 2011
- 3:00 P.M.** Break and set up for Mass
- 3:45 P.M.** Mass – Rev. William Clark, S.J., S.T.D., author and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, celebrant; Dr. Zagano, acolyte
- [Click here](#) to view Fr. Clark’s closing benediction for VOTF’s 2021 Conference
- 4:45 P.M.** Closing Remarks – Ms. Fox