

Broken Vessels: Vision, Mission, Background, and Committee



Background

In 2014, Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) launched an initiative to address the healing needs of individuals, faith communities, and the Body of Christ from wounds caused both by clergy sexual abuse and also by hierarchical leaders' malfeasant responses to that abuse. *Broken Vessels* is the name of the healing circle model that VOTF practitioners facilitate for those who have been harmed in <u>any</u> way by the scandal.

Vision

As a result of the grassroots initiative called *Broken Vessels*, the People of God will make healing opportunities available to rebuild the Church from the wounds of the Catholic clergy sexual abuse scandal.

Mission

To facilitate an experience of healing for those who suffer <u>any</u> effects of the Catholic clergy sexual abuse scandal, and specifically to use healing circles that are based on Restorative Justice principles and practices, and Biblical teachings.

Broken Vessels Leadership Committee

Bill Casey	Professional RJ Facilitator; former Chair, VOTF Board of Trustees
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