



## Projects and Prospects in 2015-2016: A Voice of the Faithful® Scorecard

### Financial Working Group

- ✦ Provides Internet listing of all U.S. dioceses' finances
- ✦ Monitored Canon Law Society's study of diocesan finance councils
- ✦ Worked with a parish to obtain justice in parish fund theft
- ✦ Brochures & guidelines available for parish collection security
- ✦ Principles for diocesan finance councils available on website
- ✦ Church structure primer available on web site

### Healing Circles

- ✦ Modeled and then conducted Restorative Justice Healing Circles for survivors, families, and all others harmed by clergy sex abuse
- ✦ Moving from pilot phase to permanent initiative
- ✦ Working with Boston religious organization for ongoing Circles
- ✦ Exploring collaborations with several institutional partners

### Survivor Support

- ✦ Guidelines for reforming statute of limitation laws available
- ✦ Fr. Doyle's Clergy Sex Abuse Bibliography available online
- ✦ Government/academic reports from past decade on website
- ✦ Lamentation Wall available as model on website
- ✦ Support SNAP and other survivor organizations

### Ordination of Married Men/Optional Celibacy

- ✦ Action Plan model on website, with letter template and step-by-step model to contact local bishop
- ✦ Requested new Pastoral Provision in letters to pope and key bishops
- ✦ Study guide on celibacy and a related reading list available
- ✦ Essay on flaws of mandatory celibacy available

### Women's Roles

- ✦ Women Deacons paper available for education/discussion series
- ✦ Bibliography available on women in the Church
- ✦ Affiliates in MA, RI, CT & NY hosted discussion sessions on Women's Roles
- ✦ Participated in online seminar with Phyllis Zagano on women deacons

### Child Protection

- ✦ Assessing ways to support the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors
- ✦ Promote awareness of child protection standards
- ✦ Monitor audits in U.S. and Ireland on diocesan adherence to child protection standards
- ✦ Affiliate activities advance child protection guidelines
- ✦ Ideas for promoting awareness of guidelines available online

### Bishop Selection

- ✦ Web portal available for national input on bishop selection needs
- ✦ Background papers for lay input into bishop selection available
- ✦ Letters to Pope and national bishop conferences worldwide proposed lay input demonstration projects around the world
- ✦ Bishop selection primer available
- ✦ Completed bishop-selection models

### Cooperative Projects

- ✦ Work with other Catholic renewal organizations on projects of mutual interest
- ✦ Participated in NunJustice coalition
- ✦ Support cooperative efforts with a priests' association

### Prayerful Voice

- ✦ Descriptions of/links to devotional practices available online
- ✦ Models available online for lay-led days of renewal, prayer groups, prayer services, and retreats
- ✦ Periodic postings of spiritual reflections

### Clericalism

- ✦ Identified by VOTF in report on the John Jay study as a key factor in clergy sex abuse
- ✦ Clerical culture description and historical background available
- ✦ Bibliography for further study available

### Lay Education

- ✦ Study guides available online for origins of the Church, Gospel timeline, Vatican II, and more
- ✦ Renewal resources available

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### Meetings with Bishops

- ✦ Bridgeport (CT) affiliate and Bishop Caggiano
- ✦ VOTF-Ireland and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin
- ✦ Affiliates in Hartford (CT), Long Island (NY), and Providence (RI) with their bishops
- ✦ Affiliates in Chicago and Boston with sitting bishops
- ✦ Numerous "off-the-record" meets