

OUR TRUST HAS BEEN VIOLATED. BUT NOT OUR FAITH.

Rebuilding a church takes many hands. It must be done one person, one parish at a time.

Rebuilding trust takes many voices. Speaking together, ever louder, until those who have broken the trust can no longer turn away.

And that is what Voice of the Faithful has done: finding ways for laypeople to have meaningful involvement in the governance and guidance of the Church. This voice is being heard.

Voice of the Faithful has established 197 affiliates across the nation. Over 30,000 members have added their voices to the chorus for change. Many thousands – moved so deeply by events in the United States – coming from 38 countries around the world. All in less than two years.

Voice of the Faithful created the historic national convention of 2002 that was attended by 4,200 Catholics to deal with the issues facing today's Church. We have established relationships with survivors' groups across the nation. We have sponsored

PETITIONS FOR REFORM

I believe that the bishops of the Catholic Church who knowingly allowed children to be sexually abused by clergy must be held responsible for their roles in these crimes over the past 50 years. For this reason I call on:

I. Pope John Paul II: To meet with an international delegation of victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse to begin reconciliation on behalf of the entire community of the Catholic Church.

II. Pope John Paul II: To hold those bishops responsible who knowingly transferred sexually abusive clergy; to accept resignations offered; and to call for resignations where appropriate.

III. Each U.S. Bishop: To disclose details of their oversight in transferring abusive clergy and clergy who have credible allegations against them.

**Silence is no longer an option.
Go to www.voiceofthefaithful.org to see the complete petition statements and to let your voice be heard in rebuilding the Church.**

healing Masses for survivors and their families. We actively create opportunities for priests and lay Catholics to work collaboratively.

Voice of the Faithful has been your voice in conversations with bishops and prominent Catholic theologians, and in educational initiatives from Boston College and Notre Dame to Harvard and Yale.

It is such a powerful voice to return responsibility to Catholicism that over 50 prominent theologians have signed a petition supporting “the right and responsibility of Voice of the Faithful to meet ... and to present to the hierarchy for confirmation and implementation what their sense of faith requires them to voice.”

And now we ask you to add your voice.

Three petitions. Three major issues facing American Catholics.

Make your voice heard.

Silence is what allowed the unthinkable to happen. Now silence is no longer an option.

Add your voice to the Voice of the Faithful.

It's time to return responsibility to Catholicism.