

# Voice of the Faithful™ *New Jersey*

*Keep the Faith, Change the Church™*

March 2009

Dear Friend:

Were you able to be with us last May to be inspired by Bishop Robinson's presentation? Perhaps you joined us in September for two nights of lively discussion about his book. If not, I hope you didn't miss Elizabeth Johnson, author of *Quest for the Living God*, when she addressed us in January. We then followed that in February by two nights of discussion about her book.

Voice of the Faithful of New Jersey (VOTFNJ) continues to be active in northern New Jersey and is an affiliate of the international VOTF. Our focus is on our mission and goals as stated below. We also have endeavored to foster the knowledge and spirituality of our members in a variety of ways in order to enable them to be active in improving their own faith communities and our church as a whole.

We support the activities of the victim's support group Road to Recovery and contribute to the International VOTF organization. Most importantly, we nourish ourselves spiritually at Mass twice a month at the Loyola Retreat House. Please join us on the first and third Sunday of every month in the second floor chapel there.

We invite you to support our activities, goals and mission by renewing your VOTFNJ membership. You can do so by completing the attached form and sending it to us with your check. Your gift is most appreciated.

Keep abreast of our activities by receiving our newsletter and by reading our website. We look forward to seeing you soon at a VOTFNJ event or Eucharistic Liturgy.

Sincerely,

Theresa Padovano  
Facilitator, VOTFNJ Coordinating Team

#### ***Our Mission***

*To provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.*

#### ***Our Goals***

*Support survivors of abuse • Support priests of integrity • Shape structural change within the church*

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I continue to have an interest in the mission of VOTFNJ. Please keep me on your mailing list.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

(Helps reduce our costs.)

Parish affiliation (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership - \$35 enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Optional additional donation \_\_\_\_\_

Comments or suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

Four horizontal lines for additional comments or suggestions.

Please make out your check to VOTFNJ and send it with this form to:

**VOTFNJ**  
**c/o Frances Malloy**  
**3302 Appleton Way**  
**Whippany, NJ 07981**

Thank you.