

10-3-07-Letters, Stamford Advocate

To the editor:

Thank you for your editorial of Sept. 24 on the Rev. Fay and his inability to say "I'm sorry," and for your continuing exposure of corrupt practices in our Fairfield County area.

Judging from a St. John parish member's response (Letters from Readers, Sept. 27), it would seem that all is now well and the St. John parish has been able to put behind it all of the attending sorrow and frustration of that very painful occurrence. It no doubt has been accomplished through the guidance of their new truly gifted and spiritual pastor, the Rev. Frank McGrath. We also hold in esteem the Rev. Michael Madden, who had the courage to bring this to public attention.

We, members of Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport, believe that transparency and accountability from the hierarchy are essential to a healthy and productive parish life. We invite members of St. John (the finance committee, perhaps) to share their suggestions with others who have not been so fortunate. Our invitation is to any parishioners of St. John, or any other parish, who are interested in working toward long-term solutions to these scandalous problems, to share their stories with us at one of our monthly meetings. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. (The next meeting is Nov. 1.) More information is available from: www.votfbpt.org.

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