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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **James R. Kelly, Ph.D., to Speak to VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL**

James R. Kelly Ph.D. will present “*Radical but not Utopian: How the Peace and Pro-Life Movements Need Each Other*” at Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport’s first meeting of the New Year to be held on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk.

Dr. Kelly received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1969 and has taught at Fordham University since 1971. His areas of research have been in the sociology of religion with special emphasis on Catholicism. A full professor of Sociology at Fordham since 1981, he has served as chairman of the Department of Sociology, and was elected President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in 1997. He has been a member of the New York Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue since 1975, and served as the first executive secretary of the Cardinal Bernadin Common Ground Catholic Initiative. In addition to his publications in professional journals such as *The Review of Religious Research* and *Sociology of Religion*, he has contributed to the publications *Commonweal*, *Christianity Today* and *America* where his article “Why the Pro-life Movement Should Return to Its Roots” appeared, February 16, 2009. He also appeared in a 2007 documentary, “Beyond the Politics of Life and Choice”.

All are welcome to attend. For more information about VOTF and for directions to the meeting, please visit our website, [www.votfbpt.org](http://www.votfbpt.org).