

**A PRIMER ON CHURCH STRUCTURES:
MARGARET ROYLANCE
TO SPEAK TO VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL**

The mysterious and often mystifying organizational structures of the Catholic Church will be addressed by Margaret Roylance at the meeting of Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Thursday, June 3, at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk at 7:30 p.m. She will speak on "Organizational Structures of the Catholic Church: A Primer."

A life-long Catholic and one of the founding members of Voice of the Faithful in Boston, Dr. Roylance realized that some aspects of the organizational structure of the Church facilitated the sexual abuse crisis and ought to be changed. These structures are human constructions, separate from doctrinal issues, and have changed in the past. She also realized that many Catholics have no idea how the Church is organized or how it functions on a daily basis as a human institution.

As facilitator of VOTF's Structural Change Working Group, Dr. Roylance helped to develop a primer for the guidance and instruction of ordinary Catholics. One must understand how the Church works if one is going to effect any meaningful change in accordance with VOTF's third goal of shaping structural change.

Dr. Roylance has her master's and doctor's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and works as a materials scientist/engineer. Married to a professor at MIT, she is the mother of five children.

Voice of the Faithful, an organization of mainstream Catholics, seeks "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." VOTF has three goals: to support those who have been abused; to support priests of integrity, and to shape structural change within the Church.

For further information about VOTF in the Diocese of Bridgeport and for directions to the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk consult www.votfbpt.org. Everyone is invited to attend.