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Jamie Manson To Speak To VOTF On May 13th

The May meeting of VOTF in the Diocese of Bridgeport will be held on Thursday, May 13th at 7:30pm at The Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. Featured will be a talk by Jamie Manson entitled, *The Grace of Living on the Margins: Being Bread for One Another in a Church in Famine*.

Jamie Manson received her Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School, where she studied Catholic theology, personal commitments, and sexual ethics with Dr. Margaret Farley, RSM.

She most recently served as the Director of Social Justice Ministries at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House in New York City where she ministered to the needs of Manhattan's poor and homeless populations. Previous to this work, Jamie was the Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation at St. Francis Xavier Church in Manhattan. She began her career as Director of Publications at Yale Divinity School where she re-launched and served as editor-in-chief of the magazine *Reflections*.

Jamie writes a monthly column for the *National Catholic Reporter*, addressing the interest of young Catholics today with articles on the plight of the poor, issues of gender and sexual orientation in the Church, and ways of finding God's presence in our everyday lives.

Jamie is a board member of Women's Ordination Conference, and, for the past five years, she has offered college courses, workshops, and retreats on spirituality, relationships, and sexuality.