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Bradford Hinze to Speak on Dialogue in the Church

Bradford Hinze, Professor of Theology at Fordham University, will speak about "Stifling Dialogue in the Church and Prophetic Obedience" on Thursday December 9 at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk at 7:30 P.M. The event is sponsored by Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Everyone is invited to attend.

Professor Hinze explored the theme of communication in his book, *Practices of Dialogue in the Roman Catholic Church: Aims and Obstacles, Lessons and Laments* (New York: Continuum, 2006). He is devoted to advancing intercultural communication and interreligious dialogue, especially with Jews and Muslims. A graduate of The College of St. Thomas, he has a master's degree from Catholic University and a doctorate in theology from the University of Chicago.

The mission of Voice of the Faithful, an organization of mainstream Catholics, is to be "a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church." VOTF believes that a reasoned dialogue among bishop, priests, nuns, and laymen and women will contribute to the renewal of 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.