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PRESS RELEASE

PETER BORRÉ AND THE CLOSING OF PARISHES

Peter Borré, founder of the Council of Parishes, will speak on “Diocesan Power and Closings” on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. A retired international oil company executive, Mr. Borré, observing the suppression of parishes in the archdiocese of Boston, organized the Council of Parishes to defend the rights of parishioners. Raised and educated in Rome, he familiarized himself with Vatican canonical procedures and enlisted canon lawyers to prevent the arbitrary closing of parishes. He is featured prominently in Jason Berry’s book, *Render unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church*.

His talk will inaugurate the fall program of Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport, entitled “Whither Our Parishes?” As the Diocese is currently studying the possibility of closing at several parishes in the city of Bridgeport, VOTF believes that this process should involve the full and active participation of the parishioners. VOTF’s fall program will explore the need to merge or suppress parishes and the consequences of doing so.

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