



# VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL™

## IN THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **JOHN SEITZ AND THE CLOSING OF PARISHES**

John Seitz, Assistant Professor of Theology at Fordham University, will speak on “Closing Parishes” to Voice of the Faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport on Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk. Professor Seitz, who received his doctorate from Harvard University, is the author of *No Closure: Catholic Practice and Boston’s Parish Shutdowns*. Parish closings in Boston and elsewhere have created grave anxiety and upheaval as Catholics try to understand the meaning of home, community, and belonging and the attendant feelings of suffering, displacement, and change.

VOTF has devoted the year to the theme “Whither Our Parishes?” As the Diocese has announced the closing or clustering of several parishes in the city of Bridgeport, VOTF believes that this process should involve the full and active participation of the parishioners.

Voice of the Faithful wishes to be a prayerful voice, attentive to the Holy Spirit, through which God's Faithful People can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend our meetings. For further information see [www.votfbpt.org](http://www.votfbpt.org).