

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) in the diocese of Bridgeport will welcome Paul Scarbrough at its initial 2009 meeting on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm, to be held at the First Congregational Church on the Norwalk Green. Scarbrough, co-president of Call to Action/USA (CTA) will speak on *The Changing Face of Catholicism: Opportunities and Challenges for Reform Movements*".

Call to Action is an independent national Catholic movement of over 25,000 people in 53 local chapters working for equality and justice in the Church and society. It draws its mission from the United States Catholic Bishops' 1976 Call to Action Conference, and the "Call for Reform in the Catholic Church" proclamation signed by more than 20,000 people in 1990.

Scarbrough, a member of the national board of Call To Action since 1990, has worked to advance CTA's Anti-Racism work and has helped to shape CTA's JustChurch strategic vision. He has also been very active in Dignity/USA, an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Catholics, where he has held a variety of local and national leadership positions, including serving as co-chair of the 1997 Dignity National Convention in Boston. A native of Philadelphia and a professional acoustical consultant, Scarbrough is a resident of Norwalk.

VOTF- Bridgeport is seeking contributions to its 2008-09 Voice of Compassion Fund for the direct support of area human service charities. Contributions to the Voice of Compassion fund may be sent to VOTF, PO Box 5044, Westport, CT, 06881.

For further information about VOTF in the Diocese of Bridgeport, the 2009 March 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at Fairfield University on the Eucharist, the Voice of Compassion Fund, or directions to the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk, please consult [www.votfbpt.org](http://www.votfbpt.org).