



ELECT OUR BISHOPS? WHY NOT?

Catholics hoping for the Renewal of our Church should ask this Question.

The election of bishops by the clergy and people of the diocese is hallowed by ancient usage, by Church canons, and by repeated papal affirmation. The history of episcopal elections, sadly, is marked by a progressive disenfranchisement of the laity and ordinary clergy. The restoration to the clergy and people of their baptismal right to elect their own bishops is a necessary step toward re-membering our dis-membered Church, Christ's Body, and making it whole again. If you support this goal please describe the kind of person you think should be a bishop.

VOTF meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church in Norwalk.

QUALITIES I'D LIKE TO SEE IN A PROSPECTIVE BISHOP:

Pastoral____Spiritual____Willing to Listen____Attentive to the People____Collaborative____

Your Comments: _____

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