

VOTF TO VIEW PHOTOS OF ABUSE

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Crosses: Portraits of Clergy Abuse will be the topic of a talk by Carmine Galasso, featured speaker at the next Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) in the Diocese of Bridgeport meeting Thursday, February 5th 7:30 PM at the First Congregational Church on the Green in Norwalk.

The book about survivors of clergy sexual abuse by photojournalist Galasso, *Crosses* features portraits of victims along with very personal interviews of people who spoke frankly about their experiences as children and young adults at the hands of Catholic priests and nuns. Some also discussed how their abuse was covered-up by Church hierarchy. Edited versions of the interviews in the victims'/survivors' own words are presented along with portraits of the survivors.

Galasso, a native New Yorker, has been on assignments in Malaysia, India, Israel and Palestine, Kenya, Mexico, France, and in the North of Ireland. He has won awards for assignments such as money laundering; tracking the steel from the World Trade Center after 9/11; Super Bowls; life in the Middle East and Indian call centers. He has been associated with a major New Jersey daily newspaper for over 30 years.

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 28th 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.