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A Louisville, KY Affiliate of the international organization Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) has been formed and meets regularly to: 1) Support those who have been abused

2) Support priests of integrity

3) Shape structural change within the Catholic Church.

VOTF is a worldwide organization of over 25,000 mainstream practicing Catholics from more than 40 U.S. states and 21 countries. VOTF formed in early 2002 in response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis that erupted in Boston and that has sadly, shown itself to be not just a local problem, but a national and international scourge.

The Louisville chapter is composed of over 50 members from over 10 parishes whose officers are: Shannon Whelan, President Lucy Fennewald, Secretary Cal Pfeiffer, Treasurer

The group meets monthly to pursue their goals within the Archdiocese of Louisville.

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