



8:45 - 9:30

**“Removing the Sword of Trauma” with
Angela Shelton**

(Regency A&B)

Trauma is like getting pierced with a sword. You can ignore the fact that you are wounded and deal with the symptoms instead of the cause. Keeping the sword in place is living in denial. Denial is a powerful choice. Removing the Sword of Trauma is an act of courage and strength. Angela Shelton shows us ways to not only remove the sword but to use it in our lives

9:30 - 10:30

Reception

(Regency Corridor)

Hosted by members of VOTF Dayton

Friday, July 11

7:00 - 7:30

Welcome to SNAP Conference 2008!

(Regency A&B)

7:30 - 8:00

**“Like water on a stone: Wearing down
decades of secrecy” with Barbara Blaine**

(Regency A&B)

Many would like to believe clergy sex crimes and cover ups are no more. It just isn't true. Blaine will explore events of this past year to highlight how the secrecy continues and how it slows the healing process and puts kids at risk of more abuse. Ultimately it is the courage of survivors that fuels the exposure and healing that does take place.

8:00 - 8:45

“Unto a Third Generation” with Victor Vieth

(Regency A&B)

In this moving, hopeful address, participants will learn the five obstacles that prevent us from significantly reducing child abuse in the United States. More importantly, students will learn of sweeping reforms now taking place in the country that will significantly reduce, if not eliminate child abuse within three generations

From our reception hosts:

The Dayton Affiliate of Voice of the Faithful salutes the courage of all survivors.

We honor the nobleness of the strength visible in your attendance at this national conference.

We are privileged to sponsor the opening reception as a small token of our admiration for you.

Without you, Catholics and the society at large would dwell in darkness, ignorance, and doubt.

It is your valor, the power of your stories, and your endurance that brought Pope Benedict XVI face to face with survivors.

Thank you for your convicting witness to truth born in crucibles of pain yet shared to bring healing to those who suffer.

May your quest to find the broken, ease the sorrow, and protect children flourish.

We are humbled to stand in solidarity with you.

Please come to the reception and allow us to see, meet, greet, and honor you personally.

--- Kristine Ward, Chair, Dayton Affiliate, Voice of the Faithful

Saturday, July 12

7:00-7:30

Walk in Chicago

(Meet in Hotel lobby)

For early risers, this is a chance to exercise and see the sites of the Windy City

7:30-8:20

Meeting, Friends of Bill W

(Meeting Suite 3)

8:30– 8:45

Morning Announcement

(Regency A&B)

8:45– 9:30

“And Justice For Some: How our legal system is unfair to victims and what YOU can do about it” with Wendy Murphy

(Regency A&B)

From intimidation tactics, unfair requests for irrelevant medical files and outright lies that cause gratuitous harm to innocent victims of violence, the criminal justice system has lost its way. Once revered as the best legal system in the world, the purported goals of America Justice -- elucidating the truth and rendering a fair punishment - have given way to a defense at any cost philosophy that celebrates pernicious strategies designed to obfuscate the process in the hope of reaching an unjust result. The accused criminal's right to a fair trial is critical to the success of a free democracy, but when victims stop reporting crimes because "it isn't worth it", it's time to explore ways of making the system fairer for innocent victims. This presentation will discuss systemic problems and new ideas for reform.

9:30– 10:00

“A marathon, not a sprint” with David

Clohessy

(Regency A&B)

A veteran survivor leader reflects on his nearly 20 years in this struggle and offers thoughts on how we keep our batteries recharged.

10:00– 10:15

Break

10:15– 11:15

Breakout Session 1

(See descriptions and locations on p. 18)

11:15– 11:30

Break

11:30– 12:15

“The National Movement to Shift the Balance of Power Away from Child Predators & to Child Sex Abuse Survivors” with Marci Hamilton

(Regency A&B)

Marci Hamilton will provide an overview and update on efforts across the United States to eliminate the statutes of limitations for childhood sexual abuse.

12:15– 1:45

Lunch

1:45– 2:15

“Is anyone listening to the searing voice of the victim?” with Frank Keating

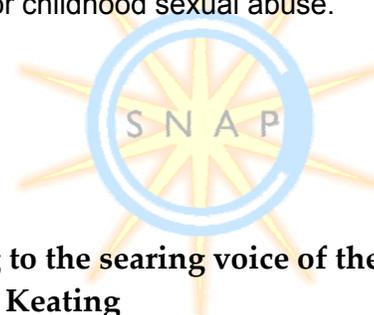
(Regency A&B)

2:15– 2:30

“The Ongoing Crisis – Persistent Problems and Emerging Issues” with Terence McKiernan

(Regency A&B)

This brief talk will examine diocesan documents and various statements of Benedict XVI to assess continuing managerial failures in the Catholic church and the rhetoric designed to conceal them. The talk will outline the problems and issues that will dominate the crisis as more evidence becomes available on collusion between church and civil authorities, on managerial and treatment networks to transfer accused priests, on international transfers of priests who have offended, and on financial malfeasance in many dioceses. The talk will identify opportunities for activists and citizens.



Saturday, July 12 continued

2:30– 2:45

“Process and Challenges” with Eric Barragan (Regency A&B)

Eric Barragan has worked with survivors and supportive organizations in two very different situations: in one of the more welcoming or 'survivor friendly' jurisdictions (California) and one of the most unfriendly or 'predator friendly' jurisdictions (Mexico). Hear him describe the differences and how he's coaxing and empowering some of the most frightened and downtrodden survivors to step forward. He'll also tell how they continually find predators still working in ministry in Mexico, some who have crossed the border after abusing in the United States. SNAP Mexico is one of the fastest growing SNAP groups in the world and was founded just over a year ago. Learn Barragan's techniques and strategies for success.

2:45– 3:00

Break

3:00– 4:00

“The Psychology of American Bishops: Why nothing ever seems to change & why victims are still suffering so much” with Eugene Kennedy (Regency A&B)

Eugene Kennedy discovered problems in the priesthood in the 1970's. He will explain some of the root causes of abuse by priests. But Kennedy also holds deep respect and understanding of the plight of victims abused in the Catholic Church and will discuss how the church could and should reach out to the wounded.

4:00– 4:30

Special SNAP Guests (Regency A&B)

4:30-4:45

Break

4:45– 5:45

Breakout Session 2

(See descriptions and locations on p.19)

Night at the Movies: Double Feature

(Regency A&B)

7:30– 9:00

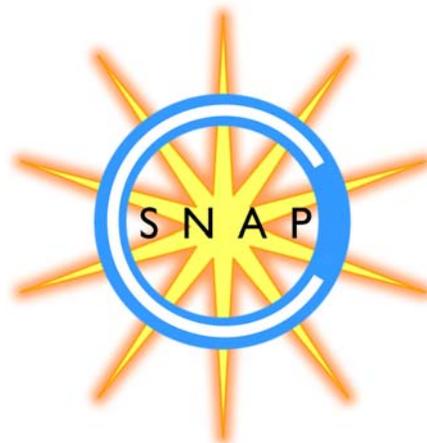
- **“Vows of Silence” with short Q & A with Jason Berry**

Vows of Silence is an anatomy of the Vatican justice system, following the haunting saga of Father Marcial Maciel, who won the favor of Pope John Paul II despite years of pedophilia accusations. The greatest fundraiser of the modern church, Maciel founded the Legionaries of Christ, a religious order with a \$650 million budget and history of controversial tactics. The film tracks 1998 abuse charges against Maciel filed with Cardinal Ratzinger (who later became Pope Benedict XVI). The Secretary of State, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, tries to abort the case. In 2004, with Pope John Paul II dying, Ratzinger takes action. The film follows a secret investigator as witnesses testify about Maciel's sexual abuse, psychological tyranny, and the secret vows he imposed to secure Legionaries' silence.

9:00-10:30

- **“Forgiving God” with short Q & A with Rick Giachino**

Forgiving God is a look at the history of high level secrecy and hierarchical collusion cloaking abusive priests— resulting in increased suffering for abuse survivors. It traces the legal and personal struggles of Wayne Presley who was one of the early abuse reporters and, after 25 years, has yet to find justice, as well as Joey Piscitelli who has made it his “life's work” to expose the truth behind the wall put up by lawyers to protect the Bishops who have shuffled priest-abusers from parish to parish.



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“Holding Bishops Accountable: How Lawsuits Helped the Catholic Church Confront Clergy Sexual Abuse” with Timothy Lytton

(Regency A&B)

Timothy Lytton’s presentation will examine how civil lawsuits against Catholic dioceses exposed the clergy sexual abuse scandal, helped mobilize victims and reform advocates, raised public awareness, and prompted Church leaders and government officials to address the problem. Too often, civil lawsuits have been disparaged in the popular press as attempts by greedy plaintiffs and their lawyers to make money off of the crisis. He will discuss how these lawsuits are instead an essential tool in the struggle to address this widespread social problem through meaningful reform by religious organizations, law enforcement, and state legislatures.

9:15– 10:00

“Confronting the Vatican in post-scandal America” with Jason Berry

(Regency A&B)

The national media has lost interest in the clerical culture’s sexual underground and the bishops concealment strategies. Pope Benedict XVI made international news with his apologies to victims and meeting with Boston survivors on his recent U.S. trip. Is this the end of the story? If not, how does a protest movement reach officials at the top, and to what purpose?

10:00– 10:15

Break

10:15– 11:00

“De Delicto Sollicitationis: The Roman Catholic Institutional Response in the 20th Century” with Patrick Wall

(Regency A&B)

The delict or crime of the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults by Roman Catholic Clerics and Church personnel is the most Secret and Sensitive Operation of the Church. Secret Operations by their very nature must be focused, available only to a select few on an as needed basis, well researched, and well funded. Today I will discuss the historical timeline of institutional knowledge and mention a couple new pieces of “dusty” scholarship and how they fill some of the causal links regarding a possible criminal enterprise operated by the roman church in the United States.

11:00– 11:45

“The Traumatic Effects Unique to Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy: The Assault on the Spirit” with Tom Doyle

(Regency A&B)

Sexual abuse of children and adults by clergy results in a unique type of trauma. The vast majority of victims are devoted members of their church with an exceptional degree of trust in their clergy and in the religious system. The destructive effects of the trauma associated with clergy abuse are directly related to the emotional bond between the victim and the abuser. This bond is grounded in factors that are described as “spiritual” but which in fact are toxic and lead to a traumatic relationship that is accompanied by sexual abuse.

There are two dimensions of religious based trauma that directly impact the victim: 1) the emotional and mental conditional of the victim, which directly influences susceptibility to abuse and, 2) the same conditioning with the added element of a toxic spirituality which shapes the impact of abuse on the victim.

11:45– 12:00

SNAP Finale

(Regency A&B)



Morning Breakout Sessions

Saturday, July 12th - 10:15AM to 11:15AM



Warrior Workout (CC20A)

Facilitated by Angela Shelton

Angela Shelton takes removing the sword of trauma to the next level and shares ways to use your sword of trauma in your life with love instead of vengeance. You will be moving and breathing in this breakout session like the warrior you are. Come to have some fun in the face of fear.

Civil Litigation as Prevention and Healing (CC22BC)

Facilitated by attorneys representing sex abuse victims

Many survivors struggle with the decision whether suing the church is helpful or harmful. This workshop explores the pros and cons. The legal system is often frightening and confusing for survivors, this is a chance to ask questions of the experts.

Women, Spirituality and Healing (CC20C)

Facilitated by Nicole Sotelo

Abuse affects not only our bodies and emotions, but also our spirits. Our faith lives are often shattered and we wonder where God fits into our lives after an experience of abuse. Whether or not we stay within a particular religious tradition, we are still spiritual beings that seek healing. Join us to discover the psychological and spiritual stages of healing and learn how to use meditation, art and other modalities as you walk the healing path with faith.

Tell Your Story, Heal Your Life (CC21A)

Facilitated by Terry Goldston

Each attendee will create a "Heart Map" of the people and events that have enabled them to survive their abuse. The first half hour will focus on developing the map and a personal "Story for Living" that has helped each person along their journey to healing. Participants will then use their "Story for Living" as a lead-in to telling their story in a way that empowers them and inspires others. Workshop materials will be provided.

Abuse of Vulnerable Adults (CC20B)

Facilitated by Peter Isely

Those abuse as adults endure the same types of horrific consequences as child victims, yet are frequently overlooked. This workshop focuses on the unique and special needs of vulnerable adults abused by clergy.

When Faith Hurts: Addressing Spirituality Based Blocks and Problems Before, During and After Forensic Interview (CC21B)

Facilitated by Victor Vieth

This workshop details research as to the harm of child maltreatment on a child's spirituality and how this harm may impair the child's ability to disclose or otherwise address abuse. A number of studies also suggest that addressing the spiritual injuries to a child is important in helping the child cope with maltreatment. Participants will learn to recognize these potential injuries and how to address them before, during and after a forensic interview.

Alternative Healing Methods Including Acupuncture for Stress Relief (CC21C)

Facilitated by Dr. Michael Smith, M.D., John Patrick Murphy and Judge Sheila Murphy

This session will explore three different methods for healing: acupuncture, hiking and yoga. Participants will have the chance to experience acupuncture and Dr. Smith will discuss how recovery is enhanced through meditation and acupuncture. Herbal sleep mix and acupressure magnetic beads will be discussed. These are helping around the world for stress relief, addiction and trauma survivors. This session was to include Eddie Murphy who tragically died in May. His brother, John, will discuss how Eddie used hiking to assist in his healing from childhood sexual abuse. The process of getting our bodies moving can help in our recovery and hiking in nature assists in consoling survivors in the healing process. Sheila Murphy will discuss the benefits of Yoga in recovery and explain the healing qualities yoga produces for survivors of sexual and physical abuse.

The Ongoing Crisis - Taking Its Measure (CC22A)

Facilitated by Anne Barrett Doyle, Terrence McKiernan, Trish McLelland and Suzy Nauman

This two-part workshop will offer a concise summary of important ways to quantify the ongoing crisis— How many priests offended? How many children were victimized? How many offenders have been laicized? What settlements have been reached? We will offer the best available answers to these and other common questions. Then panel and attendees will have a lively discussion for most of the workshop about the meaning of the statistics— How is the crisis evolving? What can we expect in the years to come?

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Saturday, July 12th - 4:45PM to 5:45PM



Healing Hearts -- a Workshop for Survivors, Thrivers, and Supporters (CC20A)

Facilitated by Jaime Romo

This presentation will engage participants in various stages of recovery from religious authority sexual abuse. Survivors and survivor supporters who are interested in understanding their own experiences related to healing should attend. All participants will receive a draft copy of "Healing Hearts: A Workbook for Survivors, Thrivers, and Change Agents."

Men's Support Group (CC21C)

Facilitated by Peter Isely

A veteran therapist and author will lead a discussion of the special needs to male survivors. Then a confidential, participatory support group meeting for men will be held. This is a chance to meet with other survivors in a safe setting and learn from others' experiences.

Women's Support Group (CC21B)

Facilitated by Jeanne Cratty

Meet with others who have "walked a mile in your shoes," share your feelings and experiences, and get some of the affirmation you deserve! This session deals with the special needs of women as survivors.

Working With Media to Reach Survivors & Expose Wrongdoers (CC21A)

Facilitated by David Clohessy

This workshop with focus on how talking to the media can not only help victims heal, but also protect others. Practical "how-to's" will be provided as well as role-playing. David will teach skills that will help you get journalists' attention, motivate volunteers, stay on message and reach/help other survivors (even if you choose to remain anonymous yourself.)

What Has Changed in the Past Six Years (CC22BC)

Facilitated by Tom Doyle, Jason Berry, & Patrick Wall

Tom Doyle, Jason Berry, and Patrick Wall will reflect on the events, changes, challenges of the past six years...2002-2008. They will share their own experiences, personal reactions, disappointments and hopes for the future from the perspective of what has happened since Boston, January 2002 but with the added personal perspective of having been involved for many years before Boston...since June 1984.

Supporting sex abuse victims in the African American Community (CC20C)

Facilitated by Ruby Harris

The focus will be on exploring coping mechanisms for victims of sexual abuse in the African American Community. The impact of cultural and social factors and use of life skills will be topics for discussion.

Different experiences and needs within the Latino Community (CC20B)

Facilitated by Eric Barragan and Barbara Garcia Boehland

This session will provide experiences of difficulties faced by victims and their family members within the Latino Community. In spite of pain there is also reason for hope. This session will allow participants to share personal experiences, stories and strategies for coping with abuse within the Latino community. There will be special emphasis to address the unique cultural and spiritual components Latinos face.