



## SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF VOTFSBA

September 2004 - May 2005

### EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS

**Dr. Radhule Weininger**, clinical psychologist and member of Franciscan Independent Response Team (IRT) and **Angelica Jochim**, counselor and IRT ombudsperson, explained their work with St. Anthony's survivors and treatment program for perpetrators.

**Sue Spies**, Regional Coordinator of the LA Office of Religious Education, explained the Virtus training program, the fingerprinting program and other child-safety policies

**Lisa Godschan**, secretary of the Santa Barbara Regional Council and member of OLG parish, explained the organization of the Council – its 6 committees, its website – and **Ken Lovingood**, VOTFSBA member and member of the Council, gave personal reflections on how the Council will carry forward some of the goals of VOTF

**Juliet Twomey**, **Carol Carrig**, and **Stephanie Glatt**, members of the IHM Community, shared their experience of “speaking truth to power” and applied it to VOTFSBA's efforts.

### LOCAL OUTREACH

Extended correspondence with Fr. Mel Jurisich, OFM urging collaboration with laity on the placement of Br. Chumik, alleged sexual abuser, at the Old Mission.

Sponsored a Virtus Training Session for VOTFSBA members and the local Catholic community at the Regional Center.

St. Mark's VOTFSBA working group conducted an all-parish meeting and follow-up survey.

Two letters to the News-Press editor, one criticizing a muckraking article on clergy sexual abuse in Santa Barbara and the other on the election of Benedict XIV (available on website)

### OUTREACH TO LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE

Leadership Team members, sporting special VOTF shirts, worked at the Victims Ministry/VOTF booth at the Religious Ed Congress.

Two letters to the Cardinal, one urging him not to allow weakening of the auditing process and selection of members of the National Review Board and the other urging him to dissociate himself from the California bishops' efforts to throw out Senate Bill #1779 (suspending the statute of limitations for sex abuse law suits).

Anne Heck attended the SB Regional Finance Council meeting.

### **STATE & NATIONAL OUTREACH**

Conference calls to exchange ideas with affiliates in LA and throughout the state

Monitoring of VOTF website and publications, National Roundtable publications, sexual abuse trials in San Francisco/Oakland and settlements in Orange County,

Four members to attend the VOTF National Convocation in Indianapolis in July