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1. not pass - but empathize victims - support not shame + We are the Church
2. can we take steps both prosecute and reasonable

see 2

I have found myself questioning how God could allow this to happen, if, in fact, he is a good God.

Then I have gone to adversity and questioning the times when I've had to struggle to make it through a crisis and just for things.

I believe that we can't [illegible]

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1) disappointment, esp w/the bishops that hid the abuses;.
2) how is the church going to screen for sexual predators even before entrance into seminary & on going screening of priests for this
3) in regard to the investigation, none of the church leaders should be involved; should be outside the leadership & laity should be involved

I don't feel I can deal with the sins of the sex abusers and those who exploited positions of trust to feed their own desires for sex and power.
That's best dealt with by the criminal system and by God and the offenders.

What we do need to deal with is those involved in the cover up. This would include many people but it's important to hold accountable the bishops if no one else.

A. all of them were involved either by sins of commission & omission

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(1) (Nourish our parishioners, who might have been abused, to
[illegible] feels comfortable to share their thoughts + feelings are validated

(2) incourage all to come out - USA + world

(3) This is the time for Reform in our church.

(4) I want to be a part of this Reform

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Periodic sessions addressing the abuse and how the church is handling it.
Need for Pope Francis to publically address it.
Address celibacy.

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1 I've had little faith in church hierarchy for a long time.
1 I'm saddened for the abused, angry at those who covered it up.
3 I think the church needs to be run by the people. Priests should be able to marry, women should be allowed to be priests. You can't exclude 1/2 a population.

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It seems obvious that we need to do three things: End the celibacy requirement, create true accountability for clerical abuse, and remove the hierarchy. We probably also need to reverse almost every Church teaching regarding sex. We need a grass roots movement to accomplish these things.

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send feed back to diocese & bishops

Saddened by the shocking large numbers. Hurt that it was my Catholic worldwide Church. I believe SNVs should be part of those striving to make sure that there is an open investigation in the US, especially about including any cover ups. Hopefully the Vatican will also be sure about the world wide Church investigation and prosecution.

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1, Belief in Church remains. Faith in establishment is broken.

4. Excellent question. How can we have real input beyond submitting paper.

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Cathy Cesnik was a good friend of mine. Her murder is still unsolved. There was a cover-up. I want it further investigated + solved. Denise Koch had a recent TV spot about a rape in a Catholic Middle school, where the principal walked in on it as the teacher was raping the girl + she said to the girl "You can't stay after school anymore!" The principal is an SSND nun. The order put out a statement that they had no knowledge of the fact that the principal knew about this & continue to hide sex at PREP school

1) I was shocked dimayed that the numbers were so great.
But it made me greatful for the 95% of the priests who were not guilty.
I was horribly upset at how the priests plotted things ahead of time.
2) + the bishops were equally guilty.

3) Today's Mass was super + to the point. More of that same idea would be good.

4) We should be vocal + stick to our guns.

- Not surprised given clerical bubble and self-protection
- We should speak our mind, reflecting correct opinion
- Should play a leading role in helping frame/support necessary actions — unique perch in terms of economic and geographical diversity

1] insist that choices on how to a thoughtful and proactive settlement policy for those subjected to sexual trauma

2] undertake the appropriate and authority of police and the courts review panel used by dioceses for prosecuting misconduct

3] expand to a National Council of Bishops to promote a National and diocesan safeguarding and child protection review boards

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(1) Depressing, worried about impact on the good the church does Wondery how it will impact my view of the clergy

(2) To address the issue of healthy sexuality as well as Boundaries. Is there a "hotline" for persons who have questions, discomfort they're experiencing on this and related issues.

(3) offer more small group work on this difficult issues.

(4) make a group statement to archdiocese

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Protect Catholic schools meeting

What I said in the conversation:

- patriarchy → system.
  - must address issues of hatred of ? or ? homosexuals
  - must ~~abuse~~ make radical change - ordain ~~F~~ women!
- change Statute of limitation, & help to have victims ~~heal~~
- ask to prosecute their abusers

→ praying & Bargiving is not enough!!

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I am questioning whether I can still be involved with this church that has clearly violated any & rule of decency and trust. → complacency ?

→ focus on abuse in catholic church !!

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Stop our Cathedraticum until the AOB opens all records, clears the air & lets the healing begin.

To me the primary issue is accountability... for the criminal acts, for the hiding of these acts and the acceptance of sexual predators within the active ministry.

I am appalled at the number 1000 children, 300 priests from 1 state which did not include Phila and archdiocese. The abuse of children and adults has been hidden and accepted for years. Have no fear time & stop it!

All V's must take a stand against the clericalism that has allowed this to be a part of the Church all too long.

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(1.) There's been very discouraging. At times ~~there~~ I've felt like I'm watching the extremely rapid demise of the Church. Then I think that is in many ways perfectly fine - it is in so many ways a hidebound institution, where it is almost impossible to see the forest for the trees and the encrusted layers of hierarchy and paternalism could never be cleared away to reveal the glowing truth inside. →

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As a Parish, we have a responsibility to act thoughtfully, having reviewed all objective information available. Right now, people are responding negatively and from their guts without researching or learning what has been done by the Church to address sex abuse since 2002. I'm not saying the actions are sufficient, but we need to learn/share what they are.

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SVdP must Take a Stand. After full discussion and w/ The knowledge & Approval of The entire Parish, We must Tell The hierarchy we Thought a decision had Been Taken. What action? The Parish must decide.

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1. I AM ANGRY & DISAPPOINTED IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE US CHURCH
I AM INCREDIBLY SADDENED BY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARMED.
I AM EXPECTING CHANGE W/IN THE CHURCH

4. I THINK WE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE AT ALL LEVELS AND SEEK TO MODEL THE CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED

WE MUST WORK TO CHANGE THE "CELIBATE MALE" CULTURE & LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH. WE MUST DIVERSIFY DECISION-MAKING & THE CLERGY!

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There are people in this parish who are some of the victims of abuse. We need to reach out to them and find out how to make them feel safe.

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* laying [illegible] let [illegible]
* [illegible] Systems
* examination of [illegible]
of Church
* Language - expression

sadness
anger at the horror
scope/abuse
re surfacing
of old
wounds
w/triggers
of denial

reason & care

do not want to leave
this Church

I dream of a schism
on the scale of Martin
Luther

I am the only person
who attends liturgy
they say the guilty
persons should be drowned
w/ mill stone
feel
lonely
like niece

Son in Law in Ireland
said everyone knew

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Not affected me personally. Just reinforced my desire & belief in allowing priests to 1. Marry 2. be women 3. be de-throned from unrealistic expectations and sense of power.

As far as sex-abuse dialogue, having all who want to share their experiences in many "listening" sessions or writings etc. with Safe groups at churches across the world, to give voice to the victims, to have them instruct/guide us in prevention practices, etc.

Long to work on changing the culture of priesthood & all mentioned in para #1 ——— but how?

LAITY Reform Movement

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symptoms & root causes

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Not much - confirmed my belief that the current clerical structure is deeply flawed by patriarchal, sexually repressed culture that is damaging to people and inhibits the gospel message of grace + wholeness

The master's tools can't take down the master's house —

We cannot expect leadership from the clergy or hierarchy, WE must lead and engage the laity across the archdiocese to speak out + act out; WE ARE THE CHURCH!

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↑ prayer & motivated to read about it more & to respond to & changes prevent it from continuing.

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Get Fr V. to send out again on email the directives we all read & signed & # to report sex abuse we witness & to ✓ The Registry of sex abuser for all new parish members and when it is know to enforce it so that we do not have one in our midst like we did in the past & we did not no it.

make celebacy optional for priests

Not blame it on gay priest because professional say that 50% are married.

WE to Chg. the Statue of Limitation to 7 it because it takes time for the abused to even admit it

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I don't feel surprised by the lack of accountability from the bishops about past abuse. I don't think I (or most laypeople) really felt they were open + honest about past abuse + how it was handled. But I chose not to analyze it to deeply. I chose to look away. And so I feel a little bit complicit in this situation.

We (laypeople) can't let everything go back to the way it was (as happened in 2002). We must demand <u>real</u> change in the church. in terms of covering up past abuse

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– My own faith has not been changed. I am steadfast.
– I feel embarrassed for the Church in the eyes of public.
– The Church leaders who covered-up the abuse and denied any wrong need to be outed before any healing can be done.

– All of the abuses need to be named, for the sake of those who were abused.

– We at St V's, as a Congregation, petition our Diocese to provide the truth with regards to the abuse.

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2. When will the Balto. diocese come clean + reveal what's happened here + when will this all be over?
3. Having this discussion is great.
4. I like what was offered during mtg. Jack's that this information will be revealed to all levels of the church

1. Personally - I was shocked. I grew up in that diocese and one of the priests listed as an abuser had been at my parish.
Spiritually - I was terribly sad - betrayed, yet more inspired to go to God & Church in times of trouble. Then I just became saddened.

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The events have made it even more difficult to maintain any faith in the hierarchy of the Church. Apologies are not enough of a response from them. We must do anything we can to hold them accountable. I feel called to action from the parish (and reaching out for to other parishes) may get the ball rolling.

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I am stunned that anyone is shocked over the report of the PA grand jury. This abuse and cover up is not isolated to Boston or PA or the 21st century; It has existed for many centuries in every corner of the world.

Reform does not mean bandaids or plastering over cracks. It means restructuring, in my view, the entire institutional church. This may be unrealistic, but anything short of this is deemed to failure.
In my view, the RC institutional church has always failed to project a mature sexuality, one central characteristic of human existence, hence its fear of sex, and women.
The drastic measures needed are:

1) do away with celibacy;
2) accept women as equals at every level of the Church
3) not only open avenues for laity to communicate, but listen to them.

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Creative for The Goal we Seek To Share as Christ Children. Thanking God both Spiritually and The war Sexual abuse. my Special Prayer To Enhance St. Vincent and member my Support Ongoing Concerns.

Michael T Pearson
www Hooker Michael 98@ Gmail.com Thank you.

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It has indirectly affected me. My cousin was in seminary in california and was propositioned by a fellow seminarian continuously. He reported it to those in charge a number of times and nothing was done about it. He was so discouraged that he discontinued his effort to become a priest. This happened many years ago and I have never forgot it.

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Pastoral - engage the laity — energize + let them lead

- Personal crisis - a predator in the family
- Eventually, a group for those experiencing disenfranchised grief
- Fully engaged in any initiative to support victims and stand w them in "conference" the Archdiocese

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1. Personally, it revisited abuse on me by a parishioner at a Church picnic in the 1960's.
Spiritually, the corruption of my Spiritual leaders made me question if I could be more spiritual without the "Church"
* 2. Starve the "Beast", withhold the archdiocesan tax.
3. Be open.
4. Send our opinions to Bishops and provide feedback to our Parish.

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(1) I am questioning my own membership and participation in the Catholic Church.
(2) What can the parish do to effectively voice our outrage over what was done and covered up, and what can the parish do to effectively bring reforms that will address the crimes and ensure they won't happen again
(3) Develop our effective response to the hierarchy.
(4) Our parish represents the sensus fidelium and must develop a real and effective ~~response~~ message to the hierarchy and to follow up on whatever response we receive.

personally/spiritually: adgitated me; brought back memories

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active role – "we" "the RC Church" have to change. This can't go on – life is too short.
– it's so unjust (the abuse).
– what a way to raise kids in this environment.
– the cover-up is corruption & immoral.

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(1) We must stop using language associated with the hierachy and/or hierachical structure. I.e pope, bishop, Vatican. There must be a Reformation 2

I've been disappointed that St. V's has continued to look & use hierarchical language during this time of crisis. We are (or should be) better than that.

I want the church to
(1) tell the whole truth
I want the investigation to
(2) be oversight - including
women and non catholics, of
the investigator
(3) End the DOA
I want to I want to
(4) Prosecute the criminals
- and let statute of limitation
- and hidden clergy

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CAN WE STOP PAYING THE CHURCH TAX? WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE REFUSE PAYMENT?

CAN WE WRITE LETTERS? TO 320— TO ROME?

- I have always had hints of this - but - feelings of betrayal - those who were entrusted - have been hypocrites - who have sacrificed not just bodies + spirits, but the faith of the victims"

- We need to demand accountability -
  - to have lay oversight
  - to reform hierarchy + seminaries
  - to reclaim the church as ours

- We need to work from inside out -

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- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond?
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? - Stay St. V
- What role, if any, would you like to see the Parish play in the ongoing dialogue that is currently unfolding in the Church and society about sexual abuse of Children? [illegible] St. Vincent's

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- How have the recent revelations of sex abuse and its concealment affected you personally? Spiritually? deeply saddened me.
- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond? join (selective) larger groups with specific adult ministry *
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? binding together as a loving community
- What role, if any, would you like to see the Parish play in the ongoing dialogue that is currently unfolding in the Church and society about sexual abuse of Children?

How moved Jesus would be this? mercy

* in mind - eg. assault sadness
consecrated celibacy
from bottom up - not hierarchy down

Very angry at church. Not spiritually affected. Don't feel part of the RC church - feel part of St Vincent's

Pedophile uncle past abused boys in my family. He apparently has NOT been made public yet.

My feeling about what to do are radical. Get rid of the pope & rest of the church. Start over with house churches.

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1. I feel like once again I have to defend our church as a Catholic and it becomes exhausting explaining why I remain a Catholic.
2. What does StVs do when allegations are made against someone
3. Continued dialogue and open communication
4. A leadership role of some kind since it is very obvious the hierarchy of church can't be trusted.

I feel a tremendous lack of trust in the church. It has surfaced gradually, but is there.

Hypocrites
Pharisees

The lack of trust is paired with rage. I do not know if I want to be in this church anymore.

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1) Personal exp. of Abuse from trusted source breaking heart; make me less trustful
2) None
3) By staying strong
4) A beacon of "health"

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↪ Sadness but no surprise

- How have the recent revelations of sex abuse and its concealment affected you personally? Spiritually?
- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond? Are we going to look at this seriously — not about sex — about Status, power
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? Not sure
- What role, if any, would you like to see the Parish play in the ongoing dialogue that is currently unfolding in the Church and society about sexual abuse of Children?

~~Letter to get goals.~~ Letters as under a group want. Relate our spirituality, liturgy to need for us to be disciples, witnesses

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- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? Pray
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a vigil of reparation
What is needed is Justice
and Mercy for all

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- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond?
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? by being attentive, which you are doing
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4 (a) Sign the document calling for the resignation of the bishops of America

(b) have a workshop for survivors on the forgiveness - the reasons to forgive and the reasons why not to forgive. - this could be only for survivors - or, perhaps, for the parish (I wouldn't mix them)

1. I believe the entire recent revelations will be put on the back burners once again. I feel nothing will be done. We can write all the letters possible and I feel nothing will be done.

The problem is possibly bigger than initially because of those who don't want to let their own abuse be known.

As Colleen said in her homily, "when things are bad, we need a prophet." Who is our prophet?

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- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond? reorganize the church reform teaching on sex
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? help organize diocesan-wide respons
- What role, if any, would you like to see the Parish play in the ongoing dialogue that is currently unfolding in the Church and society about sexual abuse of Children?

Facilitate parishioners access to reform movement
photo copying announcing of meetings

Sign on as a parish to some reform call
a call that may be more moderate than
what some parishioners are working for

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disheartened, anger, sadness

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- What ongoing concerns and questions do you have to which the Parish of St. Vincent de Paul might be able to respond? What can we do to stand up + show
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? — listening — thankyah
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solidarity survivors

not sure....
that's why I'm here.
Ask for those involved in any way to resign + then listen to their stories. LAITY REFORM mvt.

I am not affected spiritually by these revelations. I am more distressed at the layers of dishonesty and the discord and division it is bringing To the church. I am also sad for the many victims of abuses.
As a community we need To challenge the church leadership/hierarchy to take effective steps for the future and not be satisfied with attempts to placate the people without real solutions. We need to speak up as individuals as well as St Vincent community.

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Death in the church. Is there more life ahead?

I HAD ELD 28 Aug 18

the Omega Center

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1a. Surprised only by how long it has taken to come to light
1b
2. Ongoing - this is only the tip of the iceberg. Another 49 states may follow what occurred in PA.

Listen & Pray

We need to learn more about how / from where comes the "legislation"

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It is disconcerting that the cover up continues. It's been years since this first was reported in the news. Years ago, when this first was on the news, my family talked about the idea that church leaders didn't know any better. My cousin Fr. Leo Murray Chow deceased) as part of his job, reassigned priests who had confessed to sexual abuse of children. He was a smart man, who would have noticed that there was re-offending. The church needs pressure from outside and from parishioners to bring justice to victims.

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* I would like to know how I can make sure donations I give to the church to not go to legal defence of Sexual harassment or abuse cases. These should be done through Pro Bono or Public defenders.
* I would like to see church move forward with Ordaining women. Men have been given a chance for 2000 years. It should be time that the importance of women be recognized.

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Where a sexual problem with a member of the clergy is there a group of lay people who review or has input on the results or solution of the case. If there is not a group there should be!

This is a crisis of trust, a violation of authority and hypocracy of action vs teaching.

Pervasive sense of superiority has invaded the priesthood! Rather than closer to god

The cover up ~~and~~ made it all worse. creating a complicancy.

My faith is not shaken by this.

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Multitude of emotions

Hon

I'm no different from anyone else. I also felt angry, betrayed at a callous breach of trust. &c. But I move it and want to move on.

1) What are the issues that are identified by these disclosures

a) the survivors

b) the perpetrators

c) the hegemony of the institutional church

2) Are the issues are identified within the Plan of Action aka "POA"

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- I would like us to speak to the bishops of Pennsylvania to admit more publicly to their role in the abuse scandal seeking forgiveness from the victims.