

LAY LEADERSHIP / NETWORKING

Exploring and implementing ways of including laity in leadership positions within the parish and the church at large, and working towards recognizing and empowering women within the church to be able to use their gifts to the fullest.)

NETWORKING: Creating a heightened and sustained awareness of the sexual abuse crisis within the Church, seeking accountability and transparency from the Church hierarchy, circulating relevant resources, enlisting others in our cause, and collaborating with like-minded parishes and organizations.

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PARISH EDUCATION

Researching structure and governance in the Catholic Church, highlighting its strengths and good works, in applying a process to propose new ways of going forward in collaboration with the hierarchy.

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VICTIMS HEALING / PRAYER

VICTIMS' HEALING:

Assessing the needs of victims and exploring ways to meet them, considering that there may be the necessity for counseling and financial assistance, among other services.

PARISH PRAYER AND DIALOGUE:

Exploring and suggesting ways that the feelings and concerns which have arisen from the crisis can be contextualized in prayer, discussion and support groups, and other creative, artistic ways. Contact:

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PARISH FINANCIAL

PARISH FINANCIAL ACTION:

Researching applicable Canon Law to determine how Parish financial resources can be applied effectively in light of the abuse scandal, and related financial information from other Parishes, Universities and Institutions and investigating how both restricted and unrestricted funds were used by the Archdiocese in payments/settlements and other activities.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Tracking legislation around the U.S. related to the rights of victims and promoting legislation that supports the prosecution of all perpetrators of sexual abuse, gathering information about legislative initiatives in PA, NJ and elsewhere, and about PA legislators' and our US representatives' positions on these issues.

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