

# Colorado Concerned Catholics -- *an affiliate of Voice of the Faithful* (CCC-VOTF)

## Proposed Plan Of Action

### I. Community Gatherings

(Diana Flahive)

*We will create opportunities for the calling together of the community for mutual support, voicing and prayer and ritual*

- **Voicing Gatherings**
  - ✓ Agenda Development
  - ✓ Place, Date, Time, facilitators
  - ✓ Information out to participants
  - ✓ Memory of gatherings
  - Expanding to other faith communities
- **Healing service**
  - Prayer
  - Acknowledgement of the pain and suffering
  - Moving towards action – forgiveness – love
  - Education
  - Celebration of community
- **“Days of Prayer in Solidarity” for the people of the Church**  
1<sup>st</sup> day of the Month are designated

Legend:

- Ongoing
- ✓ Completed
- Awaiting Action

Next to some activities are the names of those who have already agreed to take on significant responsibility

### II. Education

(Mary Casper, Mary Swann, Vince Taliercio, Diana Flahive)

*We will develop opportunities for education and dialogue on the history of our Church, role of the laity, Vatican II and other issues of importance to the people of the Church. This will be done by CCC-VOTF or in collaboration with other organizations.*

- Dissemination of programs and articles offered by other organizations
  - through the web page listings and links
  - through e-mail updates
- Book recommendations and possible reviews
- Education piece at each “Voicing Gathering”
- Development of a relationship with Regis University -- Center for the Common Good
- Create an ongoing program on the issue of the “Role of the Laity in the Church”
- Work in collaboration with other organizations on re-education on Vatican II ( 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
- Ongoing education regarding living the core values as it pertains to the issues of :
  - Voicing responsibly
  - Acting from a Christ like posture -- lovingly
  - Operating in solidarity
- Creating a “Wailing Wall” on the web
- Creating a “Light of the Spirit “ page

### III. Resource Development

(Sheila Norris )

*We will create links and collaborative efforts with various groups in the community of similar interests.*

- **VOTF**
  - Asking for input and support on various issues and concerns
  - Informing CCC-VOTF on various information and action from the national organization
- **Religious organizations and communities in Colorado** (Regis, SNAP, Contemplative Outreach)
  - Compile list and contact information
  - Seek communication with these communities
  - Find ways of collaboration
- **Catholic affiliations or organizations**
  - Compile a list of organizations and contact information
  - Seek communication
  - Find ways of collaboration

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### IV. Communication with Church Leadership (Dennis Swann, Mike Farley, Marty Flahive)

*Through respectful and clear written and verbal communication we will invite participation, recommend ideas and policy, acknowledge work that has been done, inform on the developments of the organization, and question the leadership of the Catholic Church regarding important issues affecting those who are connected with CCC-VOTF.*

- **Denver Archdiocese**
  - Archbishop
  - Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
  - Priests
  - Other organizations
- **Outside of the Denver Archdiocese**
  - Other Colorado bishops
  - U.S. Conference of Bishops
  - Selected bishops and archbishops

### V. Public Relations

(Marty Flahive)

*Using a variety of creative means, we will offer opportunities for the larger Catholic community to become aware of and involved with CCC-VOTF, including:*

- Creating a data base of those on the participation list
  - This would include some demographic information
- Establishing an effective and dependable communication system
  - US mail (Denny and Mary Swann)
  - E-mail communication (Diana Flahive)
- Development Web Page
  - ✓ Creation of the site (Marty Flahive)
  - Updating the web site
- Creating and implementing strategies for information and invitation to all parishes and faith communities
  - Outreach people
  - Parish bulletins
  - Individual point persons at various parishes
- Development of PR/media strategies (Marty Flahive)

### VI. Organizational Development

(Mike Farley, Nancy Farley)

*We will develop a plan for the functional operation of CCC-VOTF, which includes:*

- ✓ Adopting vision statement, core values
- ✓ Adopting a Plan of Action
  - with appointed persons who will take on specific responsibilities
- ✓ Adopting a name
- ✓ Deciding on affiliation with VOTF
- Deciding on the type of organization, membership, etc. (formal—informal)
- Adopting a plan for shared leadership and method of decision making
  - ✓ Creation of a Leadership Team
  - ✓ Establishment of the consensus model
  - Leadership plan for the future
- Developing a financial system
- Designing a system of accountability, that will keep us open and on the mark for who we say that we are:  
i.e. Vision statement and Core values