

Parish Meeting - St. Joseph, Vancouver
September 30, 2018
2:00pm – 3:30pm

3:30pm Notes in Response to: Failure of some Bishops to take appropriate action.

1. Failure: Pope Francis needs to come clean about former Archbishop Theodore McCarrick.
2. As a show of communal responsibility, all bishops in the U.S. should submit their resignations to the Pope.
3. A Big Idea: How about a 3rd Vatican council to review/revise everything that is not specific to Jesus? (And His teachings.)
4. The Church needs an outside board largely made up of lay people to review these cases and accusations. It is difficult for the Church to police itself.
5. The bishops also need to be punished like anyone else – prison.
6. How can the laity be an “equal” partner in the high authority of the Church? How do we prevent the cover-up from bishops?
7. To involve the laity, including women, to strategize a plan. To communicate better what is the plan, current as well as, future.
8. There is a lack of trust in the Church – what are the bishops, in particular, planning to do to re-establish trust of the people?
9. I would like to see the National Review Board committee reestablished (they met in 2002 – 2004) and look into the cleric cover-up especially in regards to the McKerrick mess – They have volunteered but have not heard from the Pope or the Bishops.
10. Is there a strong homosexual minority in Vatican and upper Clergy that hides problem of abuse? In conjunction: The pope has been evasive on responding to his part; Cardinal/Bishop involvement, either directly or indirectly.
11. The cover up of sexual abuse shows a breakdown of law – of morality in that clergy of multiple levels put protection of the Church institution above service to our Church members and God. The cover up at all levels was/is abominable. It constitutes a culture of evil in the Church. This can only be remedied by dramatic, specific action by investigation, prosecution, and action – dismissal of responsible people.