

**LONG ISLAND VOICE OF THE FAITHFUL, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
CALENDAR/FISCAL YEAR 2005**

THE YEAR IN PERSPECTIVE

Membership rose to 2,407 during the year. All parishes within the Diocese of Rockville Centre are now represented. There are 67 Parish Voice Affiliates (PVs) up from 63 at year-end 2004, although the trend is for the smaller PVs and unaffiliated members to migrate into Clusters where access to a wider range of member skills adds diversity and strength to activities and programs. At year end 2005 there were 12 Clusters (i.e., affiliates of active LIVOTF members from two or more parishes). Individual Cluster membership is drawn from as few as two parishes to as many as ten.

Nassau and Suffolk Counties were sub-divided into three LIVOTF Provinces during 2004, and Province Coordinators were appointed to serve as intermediaries (i.e., two-way communicators, advisors and coordinators) between LIVOTF's board of directors and the grass roots members. This proved so successful that elections were held in late 2005, and Province Coordinators were made full members of the board of directors. Consequently, the size of LIVOTF's board was increased, during 2005, from 15 members to 21.

National VOTF established an elected Representative Leadership Council during 2005. Members were elected by the membership from defined geographical regions around the country. Of the three representatives selected to represent New York State, two, LIVOTF co-chair Dan Bartley and former co-chair Sheila Peiffer (now active in the diocese of Albany) played key roles in the development of VOTF on Long Island. We look forward to their continued success as they take up leadership roles at the national level of VOTF.

We continued the successful practice of soliciting membership input and advice through our Newsletter, web-site and special mail polling, in addition to the hands-on efforts of Province Coordinators. Most notable of these polling efforts was the selection of two priorities (Statute of Limitations legislation and Financial Accountability) that will be pursued in all dioceses throughout the country by all affiliates of the National VOTF.

Finally, we produced and distributed a manual describing the policies, procedures, rules and best practices that bear on the successful financial operation of the organization. It is our hope and expectation that, along with continued good leadership, the manual will encourage and stimulate the growth and viability of the LIVOTF as a reform group within the Church.

LIVOTF's mailing address continues to be:

Long Island Voice of the Faithful
PO Box 1007
Nesconset, NY 11767

Our web site is located at: votf-li.org

FUNDING

LIVOTF has no dues paying members. Operations are funded through solicitations of the membership, and through people of like mind who choose not to become registered members. Donation envelopes are distributed at monthly General Membership meetings. Solicitations are made in our newsletter and from our web site. Donations are also solicited as part of our mail polling activities. Receipts from our annual Faith Convention, sale of promotional materials and special offers continue to provide a small source of operating income. We applied for outside Grant assistance and will continue to pursue this as a viable fund raising option as opportunities present themselves. The LIVOTF operating account is with the Smithtown branch of HSBC Bank, USA. On 12/31/2005, the operating account balance was \$29,977.94. This includes \$5,650.47 of restricted funds held on behalf of the Tri-state council of VOTF, of which LIVOTF is a participating member.

LIVOTF also maintains the Long Island Voice of Compassion Fund (LIVOCF) as a depository for charitable contributions from Long Islands Catholics seeking an alternative to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The LIVOCF bank account is with the Smithtown branch of HSBC, USA. Information about the fund and charities supported by the fund appear on our web site. A list of charities may also be obtained by written request. On 12/31/2005 the LIVOCF charity account had a balance of \$2,015.17.

TAXABLE STATUS

LIVOTF has an advance ruling through 12/31/2006 from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C) (3) organization. As such, we are exempt from federal income tax, and donations are tax deductible. We have the right to apply for a final determination of our 501 (C) (3) status within 90 days of the end of the advance period, and we are on target to do so. We are also approved for nonprofit, charitable postal rates, and are exempt from New York State sales tax.

LIVOTF files Form 990EZ with the IRS, and Form CHAR500 with the state of New York. Copies are available upon written request. There are no salaried employees. Contract Labor is used to provide technical support, database and web site maintenance.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

A Balance Sheet displaying the assets, liabilities & fund balances of the organization on

12/31/2005 is included with this report. Assets are in the form of two bank accounts. The operating account contains funds designated to support all the programs and activities of the organization except for charitable distributions. It also includes money on deposit with us by the Tri-state Council of VOTF which is restricted. Compassion Funds are held in a separate, restricted bank account.

A Profit & Loss Statement summarizing income and expenses for calendar year 2005 is also included with this report.

TREASURER'S OPINION ON FINANCIAL CONDITION

I believe the financial condition of the organization at year end 2005 is ADEQUATE based on an available year-end operating fund cash balance that is equivalent to 9.2 months of average monthly operating expenses.

The books of LIVOTF are available for review at all times by any Director or member upon application in writing to one of the Co-Chairs.

Submitted to the Board of Directors March 15, 2006

Kevin J. Connors
Treasurer