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1. not pers. - but empathize victims -  
spt - not shake w/ we are the Church

2. can we take steps both passionate and  
reasoned

ser 2

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

Then I have gone to admiring and  
appreciating the people who have had the  
courage to move their expenses and work  
for change.

I believe that we can be richly  
blessed if we are as faithful, generous.

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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 coverup. 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, if the person feels comfortable. <sup>to share</sup> their thoughts + feelings are validated
- ② encourage 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 publicly address it.

Address Celibacy.

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  - 3 • 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?
- 1 I've had little faith in church hierarchy for a long time.
- 1 I'm saddened for the abused, <sup>and</sup> 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 those things: End the celibacy requirement, create true accountability for clerical/laic, and ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> the hierarchy. We probably also need to revise almost every Church teaching regarding sex. We need a grass roots movement to demand these things.



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*no more with,*

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*send just love to nices  
& bishops*

Saddened by the shocking large numbers.  
Hurt that it was my Catholic worldwide  
Church. I believe STUs 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 impact beyond submitting paper.

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→ Cathy Carmick 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 any more!" The principal is an SSNA nun. The order put out a statement that they had no knowledge of the fact that the principal knew about this & continue to hide her at PREP school.

1) I was shocked dismayed that the numbers were so great.

But it made me grateful 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 chemical bubble
- and soft pro-killers
- WE should speak

our mind, reflecting variety.

4/27/74

- of opinion  
• Permit play a leading role in  
helping formulate opinion re.  
necessary actions - unique  
points in terms of economic and  
geographical diversity

- 1] insist that allocate our healthcare a thoughtful and proactive national policy for those subjected to sexual trauma.
- 2] undertake the comprehensive and policy <sup>and authority of</sup> the current review panel used by districts for presently misconduct
- 3] expand it to national level of bodies to promote a national <sup>savings</sup> and discussion of any domestic review boards

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- ① Depressing, worried about impact on the good the church does  
Wondering 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 ~~difficult~~ <sup>this</sup> issues.
- ④ make a group statement to  
archdiocese

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What I said in the conversation =

Protect  
catholic  
parish  
meeting

- patriarchy → system.
  - must address issues of hatred of & of homosexuals
  - must ~~also~~ make radical change - ordain ~~of~~ women!
- Change Statute of Limitations, in US to be able <sup>have victims</sup>
  - praying for & giving is not enough! — <sup>be able to prosecute their abusers</sup>



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I am questioning whether I can still be involved with this church that has clearly violated any ~~to~~ 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 Rhela  
and another diocese. The abuse of children and  
adults has been hidden and accept for years. Now  
is the time to stop it!

H 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 They're been very discouraging. At times they just make me feel 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 <sup>what they</sup> are.

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- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? *Doing what it is doing.*
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*St. V's must take a stand. After full discussion and w/ the knowledge & approval of the entire Parish; we must tell the hierarchy our thoughts and insist that action be 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 SIBBERED 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 open and letting the church  
 \* transparency  
 \* examination of structural context  
     of Church      systemic oppression  
 \* language - euphemisms

address

anger at the horror  
scope/abuse  
resurfacing  
of old  
wounds

w/ triggers  
of detail

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  
feel naive

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 ongoing "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.

Love to work on changing the cultural of priesthood & all mentioned in para #1 but how?

LJITY Reform Movement  
LRM

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symptoms  
root causes

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Not much - confirmed my belief that the current ecclesial structure is deeply flawed by patriarchal, sexually repressed culture that is tanning 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 organize the laity across the diocese to speak & act out: WE ARE THE CHURCH!

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*I pray & motivated to read about it more & to respond to changes prevent it from continuing.*

*Encourage parish members to write the Bishops & the head of the USCCB which you gave us the address for with changes we want them to make NOT just prayers & fasting!*

*Get ~~set~~ v. to send out again on email the directives we all read & signed & # to report sex abuse we witness & to v. The Register of sex abuser for all new parish members and when it is known to enforce it so that we do not have one in our midst like we did in the past & we did not do it.*

*make celibacy optional for priests.  
Not blame it on gay priest because professional say that 50% are married.*

*Wk to chg. the Statute of Limitation to 7 years 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 lay people) really felt they were open + honest about past abuse + how it was handled. But I chose not to analyze it too deeply. I chose to look away. And so I feel a little bit complicit in this situation.

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

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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 abusers 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 Balt. Diocese come clear & reveal what's happened here? When will this all be over?

3. Having this discussion is great.

4. I like what was offered by Mike Gacko; that this information will be reported 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 saddened by yet more information @ St. Paul above w/ Fr. (M) then I just became saddened to it.

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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 everything we can to hold them accountable. A ~~par~~ call to action from the parish*

*(and a 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 band-aids or plastering over cracks. It means restructuring, in my view, the entire institutional church. This may be unrealistic, but anything short of this is doomed 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  
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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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- 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 with them in "confronting" the Archbishop
- Parish - engaging the laity - incise & let them lead

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1. Personally, it revivited abuse on me by a parishoner at a Church picnic in the 1960's. Spiritually, the corruption of my spiritual leaders make 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 an effective response to the hierarchy.
- ④ Our parish represents the senses, fidelity 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 Church" have to change. This can't go on - life is too short.*  
*- it's so unjust (the abuse).*  
*- what 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 hierarchy and/or hierarchical structure. I.e. pope, bishop, vatican. There must be a Reformation 2.  
We 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.

- (1) I want the church to tell the whole truth
- (2) I want the investigation to log oversight - including women and non catholics, of the investigation
- (3) End to NDA
- (4) <sup>I want to</sup> ~~WANT~~ to prosecute the criminals - end to statute of limitations - end hiding 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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- 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? *stay 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 child changes - n*
- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? *binding together as a loving community*
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*How would Jesus handle this? mercy*

*in mind - eg. abolish slavery.  
noncoercion: changes come  
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

Redpill uncle priest abused kids in  
 my family. He apparently has <sup>NOT</sup> been  
 made public yet.

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

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1. I feel like once again I have to defend our Church and it becomes exhausting explaining why I remain a Catholic.
2. What does StV's 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 preaches my 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*
  - How can the Parish best serve you at this time? *Not sure* *Staten, France*
  - 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?

*Let's say it good. Let's us under a group want.  
Relate our spirituality, identity  
to need for us to be  
discreet, witnesses*

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- How can the Parish best serve you at this time? *Continuing an Open*
- 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? *Have the USCCB Bishop to resign from Role to the Pope*

*Bob*

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*a vigil of repentance*  
*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. *Sign the document asking for the resignation of the bishops of America*

- ⑥ *have a workshop for survivors on 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 larger than indicated because of those who don't want to let their own abuse be known.

As Colleen said in her honesty, "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 response*
- 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

What can we do to stand up + show

listening - thank you

not sure....

that's why I'm here.

solidarity  
survivors

ASK for those involved in any way to resign + then listen to their stories. LAITY REFORM  
MUT.

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?

LUATDELID 28 Aug 18  
The Omega Center

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1a. Surprised only by how long it has taken to come to light

1b. 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 coverup 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 (now 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 do 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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When a sexual problem with a member of the clergy <sup>occurs</sup> 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 hypocrisy 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 complicity.

My faith is not shaken by this.



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- How can the Parish best serve you at this time?
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*multitude of emotions*

I'm no different <sup>than</sup> from anyone else. I have felt  
 anger, being at a callous heart of trust, etc.  
 But I move it and want to move on.

- 1) What are the issues that are identified by  
 these ~~even~~ disclosures
  - a) the survivors
  - b) the perpetrators
  - c) the ~~the~~ hegemony of the institutional  
 church
- 2) One the issues are identified, what is 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.