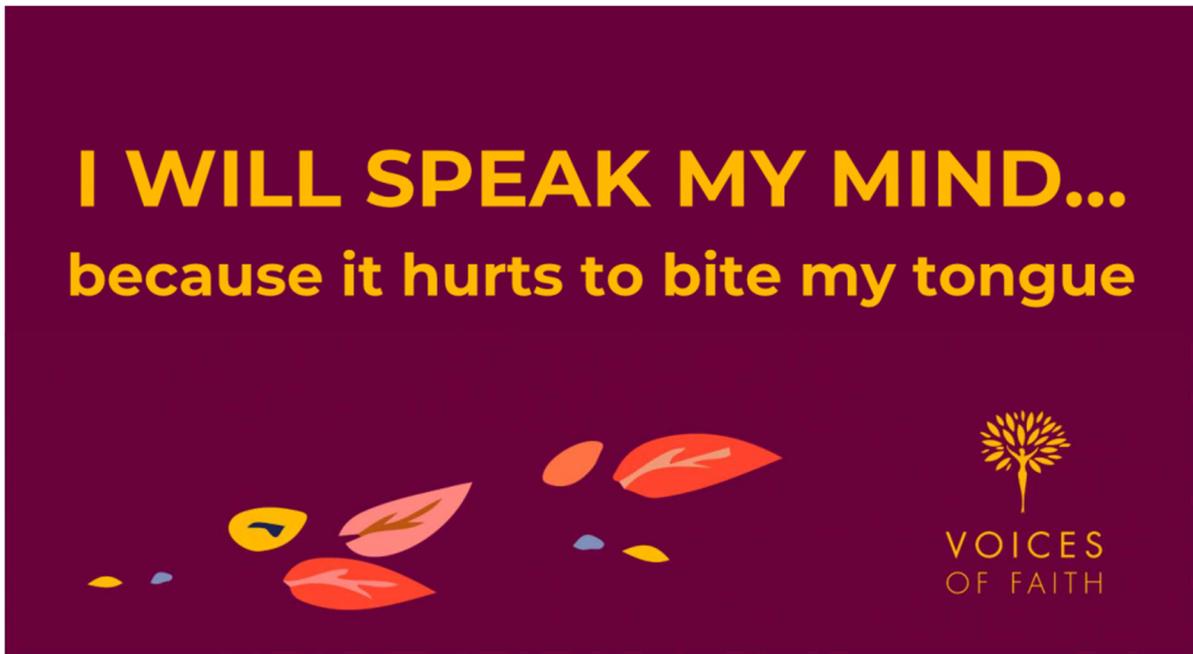


Celebrate the 'International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women' with us!



Registrations closing soon

OVERCOMING SILENCE Women's Voices in the Abuse Crisis



Event Details:

Date: Tuesday 27th November 2018

Time: 2pm -6pm

Venue: Biblioteca Angelica, Piazza Sant' Agostino 8, Roma

Cost: FREE with registration via email info@voicesoffaith.org

Seats are limited and filling up fast!

Translations available in: English and Italian and will be filmed for those unable to attend.

This event will consist of three powerful story-tellers each with their own personal experience of abuse in the Church and what they are doing to ensure change. The second part of this event will be a

panel discussion moderated by Robert Mickens, Editor of La Croix International. This panel will discuss and reflect on why women and girls experiences' seem to be systematically missing from debates about sexual abuse, which groups are especially vulnerable and how gender and power intersect to make women and girls invisible in this crisis. Most importantly we will discuss what mechanisms need to be put in place to address this to ensure abuse can never again be swept under the rug and covered up.

Meet our Panel Members

Mary Hallay-Witte is the Director for the Office for Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Hamburg, Germany. She has been part of numerous joint publications and a member of the Research Group for Vulnerability, Security and Resilience at the University of Würzburg.

Virginia Saldanha has had extensive experience working in the Catholic Church including as an Executive Council member of Pax Christi International, Board Member of UCANews, the Executive Secretary of the Women's Desk of the Archdiocese of Bombay & of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences Office of Laity, Family & Women.

Dr Rocio Figueroa Alvear is a theologian and lecturer from Peru, living in New Zealand. She is a survivor of abuse and her present research focuses on theological and pastoral responses for survivors of church sexual abuse.

Barbara Dorris is the former executive director of SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) from the USA. She is a survivor herself and while working as a teacher in her parish school, she witnessed the associate pastor molesting a little girl. The fight to have him arrested brought her to the survivor movement in 1991 where she has been an active and vocal advocate for change.

