



Call To Action Metro NY asks you to join our efforts to

Protect children &
support

SNAP

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests

Call To Action - Metro New York
&
Alex Gibney
Director of *Mea Maxima Culpa*

invite you to
an evening cocktail reception
and award ceremony & educational panel

to support SNAP
*Survivors Network of those Abused by
Priests*

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Church of the Holy Apostles
296 Ninth Avenue at 28th Street

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 to 7:15 pm

Meet and greet speakers for a contribution of \$100
(RSVP required; includes entry to Award Ceremony and Panel)

Award Ceremony and Panel: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

"The Beatitudes Award" and Educational Panel for
a contribution of \$25

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Archdiocese of Detroit: A member and strong supporter of SNAP, Bishop Gumbleton has been outspoken on many peace and justice issues and more recently about his own experience as a survivor of sexual abuse.

Barbara Blaine, founder and president of SNAP. A victim of sexual abuse by clergy, Barbara founded SNAP in 1988 to provide support for other victims and to publicize the issue in order to prevent abuse in the future.

Alex Gibney: Director of *Mea Maxima Culpa: Silence in the House of God*, the HBO film documenting pedophilia within the Catholic Church and focusing on the case of children at a school for the deaf in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Gibney also produced *Taxi to the Dark Side* and *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room*, among others.

And to update us on the campaign to remove the Statute of Limitations (SOL) in NY State for cases of sexual abuse involving children:

New York Assemblywoman Marge Markey sponsor of the bill, the **Child Victims Act (CVA)**, and **Jordan Walsh**, a Cardozo Law School graduate working on her LLM and a leader in the development of the SOL website.



All photos, provided by SNAP represent victims of sexual abuse by religious authorities at the age of the abuse and have the permission of the victims to be used.

SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, is the largest, oldest and most active support group for women and men wounded by religious authority figures (priests, ministers, bishops, deacons, nuns and others). SNAP is an independent and confidential organization, with no connections with the church or church officials. Founded in 1988 by Chicago's Barbara Blaine, SNAP has helped thousands of survivors by providing a safe and productive outlet for the passion many survivors feel toward preventing future abuse.

The crisis: Catholic officials in two Missouri dioceses, each with court cases charging priests with pedophilia and the dioceses with complicity, have mounted an assault on SNAP via court orders to force SNAP to turn over confidential records and to answer hours of questions under oath even though SNAP has nothing to do with the two court cases. This unprecedented assault has cost SNAP hundreds of staff hours and thousands of dollars to protect the privacy of their members. SNAP may face bankruptcy and Executive Director David Clohessy has said he will face jail rather than turn over files compromising members' privacy. SNAP's website says: "We're convinced Catholic officials are trying to shut us down and shut victims up, while also deterring witnesses, whistleblowers, journalists and others from contacting us."

SNAP NEEDS OUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT! PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 11th TO SUPPORT SNAP!

Kindly RSVP

(required for the reception)

* **Before April 5**, please print the RSVP form attached and mail it in with your contribution.

* **After April 5**, email the information to contact@cta-metro-ny.org and pay at the door.

* You may pay at the door for the forum.

Wheelchair accessible.

For more information: 917-757-0459

If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute to the work of SNAP, make your check payable to CTA Metro NY, write SNAP in the memo line, and send your tax-deductible donation to:

CTA Metro NY, Inc.
421 Eighth Ave.
P.O. Box 8291
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This event is sponsored by **Call To Action – Metro New York**, a local chapter of national Call To Action (CTA-usa.org). Our mission is to foster the spirit of Vatican II among the local Catholic and ecumenical communities, especially to examine issues of peace and justice in the dioceses and the broader Church and in the greater NYC area. We are a 501c3 and have educational meetings every two months. For more information, contact us at: contact@cta-metro-ny.org

We thank the following organizations and individuals for endorsing and supporting this event:

VOTF NY, Voice of the Faithful NY: PideritVOTF@piderit.com

Dignity/New York: DignityNY@DignityNY.org

CCR, Center for Constitutional Rights: www.ccrjustice.org

For case filed on behalf of SNAP, see: www.ccrjustice.org/icc-vatican-prosecution-0

NY Coalition to Protect Children: NYProtectChildren@gmail.com Attn: Bob Kristan

Marci Hamilton, Professor at Cardozo Law School, columnist and author of [Justice Denied: What America Must](#)

[Do to Protect Its Children](#): www.sol-reform.com

For information on the **Child Victims Act**, A1771: Margaret Markey: MarkeyM@assembly.state.ny.us



CTA Metro NY Fundraiser for SNAP: April 11, 2013

Help SNAP protect children

Name: _____

(Please list additional guest names on the reverse.)

____ YES, I and ____ guests will attend the **cocktail reception, award ceremony and educational panel** for a contribution of \$100 each. \$ _____

____ YES, I and ____ guests will attend the **award ceremony and educational panel** for a contribution of \$25 each. \$ _____

You may pay at the door for this event, but RSVPs help us.

____ I would like to contribute to the work of SNAP in the amount of \$ _____

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$ _____

**Please make check payable to "Call To Action Metro NY"
and note SNAP in check memo. There will no tickets; you and your guests' names will be on a list at the door for each event.**

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