

Teresa Pitt Green

Promoting Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care & Christian Responses to Abuse

SPIRIT FIRE
2003 – Present

ADVOCACY FOR HEALING IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Founder of Christian restorative justice initiative, facilitating direct dialogue between Church leaders and individuals, families, parishes, clergy and religious
- Facilitator of virtual survivor panels for Pontifical Commission Working Group 2
- Member of North American Cohort for International Safeguarding Conference 2022, Speaker at First Annual Safeguarding Summit in Rome (2022)
- Speaker at USCCB, CMSM, religious communities and dioceses, universities, and parishes promoting Christian responses to abuse and to healing the Church family (170+ to date)
- Member, Review Boards for dioceses and religious communities
- Priest-survivor advocate, encouraging healing in private retreats and spiritual guidance; develop confidential support groups
- Member in cross-cultural outreach, e.g., Hispanic, Yupiit, Athbascons, Africans
- Author/producer, e.g., award-winning books, 400+ articles, 40+ webinars, and pastoral training programs for dioceses and religious communities
- Editor, co-founder *The Healing Voices Magazine*, an online publication hosting dialogue among all persons hurt by abuse within the Catholic Church (2014-2020)
- Chairperson, Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, promoting collaborations among law enforcement, victim service groups, and survivors (2016-2020)

HARTNETT INC.
1997 – 2019

INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Founded and directed virtual business to mediate high-stakes, multi-stakeholder institutional transitions from traditional to new media for both commercial and nonprofit intellectual-property ventures with values up to \$2 billion, including systems, operations, training, and human-resource development

LITERARY AGENT

Served as literary agent, editor, and marketing consultant for 120+ nonfiction books falling in broad subject categories and with authors from academia (70%), industry (30%)

TIME LIFE/WILEY
1982 – 1997

CORPORATE EXECUTIVE

Served as executive directing global editorial, licensing, publicity and media, marketing, and sales in all nonfiction subjects, responsible for \$4 million sales and 1100+ books and products

EDUCATION

Ph.D. HUMANITIES (Hon.)

The Catholic University of America

MEDIATION

Northern Virginia Mediation Service - Mediator, Group Facilitator

BATTLEFIELD POETRY

Oxford University – Masters Work in World War I poets

BA LITERATURE, HISTORY

Nazareth College - *Magna Cum Laude*, Concentration in Classical Rhetoric

CURRENT RETREATS

SPIRIT FIRE PROGRAMS

- "In the Pews: Pastoral Homilies and Responses to Contemporary Social Strain"
- "Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care"
- "Inspiration and Hope: Learning the Language of Healing for Pastoral Care"
- "A Retreat by Bishops, for Bishops"
- "Spiritual Fatherhood"
- "Journaling and Healing"
- "Has Someone You Love Been Hurt by the Church?"
- "Keeping Your Children Safe Online"

SELECTED OTHER RETREATS

- "Insights into Survival" (presentation for victims' mentors serving the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force, Fairfax, VA, March 2016)
- "Survivors and Mercy" (presentation with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, in the Year of Mercy for survivors, family members and support persons, Arlington, VA, October 2015)
- "Effective Pastoral Counseling for Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse" (presentation for St. Luke's Teaching Institute Child Protection Seminar, online/webinar, December 2014)
- "Dark Times and Spiritual Guides" (workshop with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, for priests and sisters, Arlington, VA, October 22, 2014)
- "Homecoming" (retreat with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, for survivors and support persons, Arlington, VA, September 6, 2014)
- "Choices in Healing: Spiritual Journeys after Sexual Abuse" (workshop with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, to survivors and family members, Arlington, VA, September 2013)
- "Spiritual Direction for Sexual Abuse Survivors: Choices in Healing" (workshop with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, survivors and family members, Arlington, VA, November 2013)
- "Child Sexual Abuse: Surviving and Thriving" (presentation/broadcast for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Annual National Webinar, Washington, DC, September 2012)
- "The Baseline of Relationships and Ascendancy of Imagination in Online Conflict Resolution" (presentation for Creighton Law School's Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference, "Cyberweek: Online," ADRHub.com, July 2015)

BOOKS

- *Veronica's Veil: Spiritual Companionship for Adult Survivors of Child Abuse*, with Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2015, 2024). *Nihil Obstat, Imprimatur*.
- *Restoring Sanctuary* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2010, 2024).
- *First Steps: Overcoming Early Obstacles to Recovery from Abuse* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2024)/
- *Top Topics: Revisiting Common Themes in Trauma Recovery with a Faith Perspective* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2024)/
- *Turning Points: Facing Decisive Junctures in Recovery from Abuse* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2024).
- *Reconciliation with Faith: Cultivating a Heart at Peace with a Wounding Church* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, 2024)/
- *One Degree of Separation: Reflections & Inspiration for Loved Ones of Adults Survivors of Abuse within the Catholic Church – and Beyond* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, June 2024).
- *A Survivor Miscellany: Practical Prompts to Improve Your Trauma-Informed Ministry* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, June 2024).
- *The Serenity Prayer: A Practical Discipline for Prayerful Living* (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, July 2024).
- *Planning Parish Programs & Events to Protect Children and Heal Communities*, with Mike Hoffman (Mystic CT: Spirit Fire, August 2024).

ONLINE

- *The Healing Voices* (thehealingvoices.org), Co-Founder, Editor/Publisher, internationally editor-mediated dialogue among survivors, families, priests, ministers, practitioners
- *The Little Grotto* (littlegrotto.com), Designer, Co-Developer, Publisher
- *The Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Website* (nvhttf.com), Designer, Developer
- *Day of Prayer: Healing Prayer Service for Survivors and Those They Love*, Developer/Editor and Facilitator, national online event, September 22, 2017

SELECTED VIDEO

- *What Survivors Can Teach Us*. Interview of Dr. Robert Orsi. *YouTube: TeresaGreen*, March 27, 2014. Video: 17:18
- *Basic Concepts for Integrating Faith with Recovery from Child Sexual Abuse*. *Ibid.*, July 1, 2014. Video 27:07

- *Overview: Intro to Offering Spiritual Companionship to Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse.* Ibid. Video 11:44
- *Impact: The Lasting Impact of Child Sexual Abuse on Adult Survivors.* Ibid. Video 17:23
- *Integrating Faith with Recovery from Child Sexual Abuse.* Ibid. Video 13:13
- *Preparing to Offer Spiritual Support to Adult Survivors.* Ibid. Video 18:20
- *Boundaries in Healing from Child Sexual Abuse.* Ibid. Video 25:13

SELECTED ARTICLES

- Eyes on God: Surviving the Vatican Summit, *The Healing Voices* (February 2019)
- Testimony at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in Baltimore, USCCB and Vatican simultaneous releases, reprinted *The Healing Voices* (November 2018)
- Grieving and Forgiving, *The Healing Voices* (October 26, 2018)
- Forgiveness Versus Enabling, Ibid. (October 15, 2018)
- Child Protection: An Amends to Victims, Virtus Learning Portal (October 8, 2018)
- Strength-Based Therapy, *New Human Trafficking Newsletter* (October 3, 2018)
- Therapy Versus Spiritual Direction, *The Healing Voices* (September 27, 2018)
- Unique Gifts Survivors Offer Fellow Catholics, Ibid. (September 11, 2018)
- What Parishes Can Do Now, Ibid. (September 9, 2018)
- Unlearning What We Learned from Liars, Ibid. (September 4, 2018)
- Plan Your Pinwheel for Prevention Event Now, Ibid. (August 14, 2018)
- Integrity Lost to Clergy Abuse, with Michael D. Hoffman, Ibid. (August 6, 2018)
- Safe Environments Beyond Where Church Programs Reach, Ibid. (August 4, 2018)
- Forgiveness: Resources for Reflection, Ibid. (July 24, 2018)
- The Stanford Forgiveness Project, Ibid. (July 12, 2018)
- Finding a Therapist Who's Right for You, Ibid. (July 11, 2018)
- A Ministry for Mental Illness, Ibid. (July 10, 2018)
- Survivors Offering Ministries to Others, Ibid. (July 8, 2018)
- Betrayal, Ibid. (June 30, 2018)
- Is Catholic Psychotherapy Different, Ibid. (June 21, 2018)
- Saints and Abuse, Ibid. (May 20, 2018)
- Abuse Victims Canonized Saints: A Book Review, Ibid. (May 10, 2018)
- Other Voices, New Voices, Ibid. (April 17, 2018)
- Peer Support for Secondary Victims, Ibid. (April 5, 2018)
- Catholic Reforms Summarized, Ibid. (April 2, 2018)
- When Someone is Abused, (Byzantine) *Orthodoxy in Dialogue* (March 15, 2018)
- Vicarious Trauma, Secondary Victims, *Orthodoxy in Dialogue* (March 5, 2018)
- Making Distinctions after Trauma, *Orthodoxy in Dialogue* (Feb 4, 2018)
- Full Life After Abuse, *Orthodoxy in Dialogue* (January 17, 2018)
- Fellow Travelers, *The Healing Voices* (January 7, 2018)
- Our Beginning: Little Gidding and Recovery, Ibid. (October 2017)
- Strength-Based Leaders: Affirmation in Victims' Recovery and New Life, *Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force Newsletter* (July 2017)
- First Encounter: What Do Liberated Victims First Encounter in Victim Services?, *The Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force Newsletter* (June 15, 2017)
- Mass of Prayer and Penance, *The Healing Voices Magazine* 2, no 6 (July 2017)
- Rosary Beads, Ibid., no 4 (May 2017)
- Pinwheels, Ibid., no 2 (March 2017)
- Healing in Dialogue: Survivors and Priests Wounded and Healing Together, Ibid.
- The Way: Healing Retreat for Survivors of Abuse, Ibid. The Resignation of Marie Collins, Ibid.