



VOICE Buffalo

Since 2007, VOICE Buffalo has received \$515,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, including its most recent grant of \$60,000 for the [2020-2021 grants cycle](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT			
2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Buffalo	VOICE- Buffalo	Civil Rights/Racism	60,000.00

VOICE Buffalo was pegged by the Lepanto Institute in 2019 because much of its leadership (at the time) were actively promoting abortion, homosexuality, and even the Occult. We also exposed the fact that VOICE Buffalo was actively (on social media) promoting homosexual and transgender ideologies and that it was a member of a couple of organizations that had formally advanced grave immorality, in conflict with Catholic teaching. You can [read that report here](#).

Currently, VOICE Buffalo has continued its promotions of homosexual and transgender ideologies, is a member of the openly pro-abortion Faith in Action network, is a member of the pro-abortion and pro-LGBT WNY Peace Center, and was a sponsor and participant in the 2022 Women's March, which is formally pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ.

VOICE Buffalo's social media posts regarding LGBTQ ideologies haven't changed, and currently remain active on their facebook page:

[This tweet from 2018](#) shows VOICE-Buffalo's support for homosexual activism.

As [does this Facebook post](#) from June 3, 2018, which has the gall to overlay the words of St. Paul over a homosexual pride rainbow:

Since then, VOICE Buffalo's social media promotion of homosexual and transgender ideologies has continued, such as is seen in [this retweeted message](#):

Voice Buffalo Retweeted



Interrupting Criminalization @interruptcrim · Jun 22

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Did you know that nearly 1 in 2 Black trans women report incarceration in their lifetime? This [#PrideMonth](#) explore, "What is Driving Criminalization of Women & LGBTQ People?" to learn more about the ways in which women & LGBTQ people of color are targeted. bit.ly/DrivingCrim

What is driving mass criminalization of WOMEN and LGBTQ people?

Many people now know that women are the fastest growing prison and jail populations. Over the past four decades:

- The population of people incarcerated in women's prisons has increased by over **700%**.¹
- The population incarcerated in women's jails has increased by **1400%**.²
- The population in women's prisons has grown at more than **double the rate** of men's prison populations over the past four decades.³

Racial disparities in women's incarceration have decreased, but remain significant:

- Black women are incarcerated at **twice the rate** of white women.⁴
- Black women aged 18-19 are imprisoned at **four times the rate** of white women.⁵
- Nearly **1 in 2** Black trans women report incarceration in their lifetime.⁶
- Two-thirds** of women in local jails are women of color: 44% Black, 15% Latinx, and 5% other women of color.⁷

It is less commonly known that, according to the Williams Institute, people incarcerated in women's facilities are disproportionately LGBTQ:

- 33.3%** of people incarcerated in women's prisons identified as lesbian or bisexual before incarceration. This number increases to **42%** if people who don't necessarily identify as LGBTQ, but who have had same gender sexual experiences, are included.⁸

LGB people are disproportionately incarcerated.

- 3.5%** of the U.S. population is LGB
- 5.5%** of men in prisons are gay/bisexual
- 33.3%** of women in prisons are lesbian/bisexual

Source: The Williams Institute

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In addition to this, VOICE Buffalo was a co-sponsor for the Women's March WNY 2022. On [May 12, 2022](#), WNY Peace Center thanked VOICE Buffalo for being a sponsor of the Women's March WNY 2022.



WNY Peace Center is 😊 feeling excited.

May 12 · 🌐



Thank you to the supporters of this year's Women's March WNY!

2022 Co-sponsors: Bury The Violence, Citizen Action of New York - Western New York Chapter, CEJ Buffalo, Free The People WNY, Healthcare Education Project, Indigenous Women's Initiatives, Latinaherstory, Nekanęsakt: Friends of ękwehęwe, Partnership for the Public Good, SPARK Filmmakers Collaborative, Stitch Buffalo, VOICE Buffalo, Voices Of Community Activists & Leaders (VOCAL-NY), We Are Women Warriors, We Exist [See more](#)



In order to become a co-sponsor of the Women's March WNY 2022, the organization had to [fill out this application form](#) which required the applying organization to "affirm [the] principles/goals" of the March (contained in the Mission of the March). The Mission of the March was directly pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ saying, "We seek structural and systematic changes to our government and organizations in order to guarantee that all women have proper access to healthcare ... " which is a euphemism for women's access to abortion and contraception. It also says, "we value the dignity and humanity of ... lgbt/queer and gender non-conforming people, and everyone's equal place in the movement and in society," which means ensuring such individuals are free to flaunt their immoral and scandalous ideologies without any opposition.



Women's March WNY 2022 Partnership Interest Form

The WNY Peace Center is looking for partners and co-sponsors - those who share our enthusiasm for activism and advocating for peace and justice - for our Women's March 2022 event on May 15th.

If your business or organization affirms our principles/goals and will publicize, please consider co-sponsoring this event. Additionally, if you would like to support this event, please consider providing a special discount/coupon to our attendees, or anything else that comes to mind in solidarity!

Mission: The Women's March of Buffalo/WNY, opposed to all forms of oppression, seeks to increase equity and equality for women and all oppressed people. We seek structural and systematic changes to our government and organizations in order to guarantee that all women have proper access to healthcare and are free from violence and hate. We believe this regardless of a person's racial, economic, or citizenship status; and we value the dignity and humanity of women of color, women with disabilities, and lgbt/queer and gender non-conforming people, and everyone's equal place in the movement and in society.

Questions? Email womensmarch@wnypeace.org or call 716-332-3904.


To prove the point that the mission statement means what we just indicated, [this is a posted picture](#) from their march. Note the sign being held up in the foreground.



Those signs could be seen all over the event. While it's unclear in this image what they say, when blowing the image up, it clearly says, "In Our America ... Women are in charge of their own bodies ... Love is Love."




But VOICE Buffalo didn't just sponsor the event; it actively participated in it. On [May 14, 2022](#), WNY Peace Center published its program, listing all of the speakers of the march. Identified among the speakers is Rev. Denise Walden, Director of VOICE Buffalo.



WOMEN'S MARCH WNY 2022: SOLIDARITY, VICTORY, & HEALING

Sunday, May 15th @ 1 PM
Broderick Park, Buffalo NY



Opening Ceremonies

- **Welcome: Deidra EmEl**, WNYPC Executive Director
- **Gnyonyoh: Jill Yagwoneest Clause**, Tuscarora
- **Land Acknowledgement: Sarah Kirschner**, WNYPC MSW Intern
- **Underground Railroad Acknowledgement: Ras Jomo**

Speakers & Performances


(Please check in with a WNYPC Volunteer.)

- **Talia Rodriguez, J.D.**, WNYPC Gender Justice Task Force Chair, WNYPC Board Member, WM Planning Committee
- **Valerie Malia**, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Councilman David Rivera
- **Leslie Logan**, Seneca Mothers of the Nation
- **Angel Krempa**, Starbucks United Leader
- **Gamileh Jamil**, Yemeni-American
- **Dayatra Hassan**, Open Buffalo Emerging Leader 2017, Ujima Theatre
- **Kareema Morris**, Bury the Violence, former WNYPC Board Member, WM Planning Committee
- **Gail Wells**, Freedom Gardens
- **Lukia Costello**, Ukrainian-American
- **Dawn Wells-Clyburn**, PUSH Buffalo
- **Vonetta (Halima) Rhodes**: poetry performance
- **Betty Jean Grant**, former Erie County Legislator, former WNYPC Board Member
- **Diana Lynne Patton**, We Exist Coalition
- Kim Smith, VOCAL Legislative Director (and first woman councilperson in Rochester)
- **Shaina Merchant**: Tae Kwon Do performance
- **Shyana Broughton**, Doula, Our Mommie Village
- **Cariol Horne**, Cariol's Law
- **Rev. Denise Glenn**, VOICE Buffalo director
- **Vicki Ross**, WNYPC Board Co-Chair, WNYPC Community Coordinator

Special thanks to Ras Muata, DJ and sound system!

Closing

- **Remarks: Deidra EmEl**, WNYPC Executive Director
- **Strong Woman Song & Healing Ceremony at the water: Jill Yagwoneest Clause**, Tuscarora



WNY Peace Center

May 14 · Buffalo, NY · 🌐

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We're really proud and excited to share this year's full program with list of speakers, performers, and ceremonies.

We'll also have our Welcome table with Peace Pins for Social Justice made by the artisans of Stitch Buffalo, and a family zone with plenty of kid-friendly activities!

For full event details, please visit bit.ly/WMwny2022

We can't wait to see you all again - in solidarity, victory, and healing!
... See more

— feeling thankful at Broderick Park.

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And to completely confirm the pro-abortion nature of the event, [here is one of the speakers](#) railing against laws criminalizing abortion. The speaker says, "The only thing a ban will do? It will not stop abortions. It will stop safe abortions." She also said, "Individuals who engage in abortion, they too will be arrested, and we cannot allow that."



WNY Peace Center was live.

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[Another of the speakers](#), from the "We Exist Coalition," and LGBT organization, spoke for 7 minutes promoting transgender ideologies and agendas.



Recorded live
WNY Peace Center



Of course, VOICE Buffalo's participation in the Women's March WNY isn't surprising in the least, considering the fact that VOICE Buffalo is a member of the WNY Peace Center, which has, itself, taken positions in favor of abortion and LGBTQ ideologies.

[WNY Peace Center](#) lists VOICE Buffalo as an "organizational member."

The CCHD absolutely forbids organizations from membership in organizations acting against Catholic teaching. In an [FAQ on the USCCB website](#), the CCHD directly answers the question about whether grantees may be members of coalitions that oppose Catholic teachings. In answer, the CCHD firmly stated, "CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching."

What about participation in coalitions for a good purpose, like better wages or housing, that include groups acting against Catholic values on other issues?

CCHD encourages groups to work across geographical, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological lines to overcome poverty and advance the common good. However, CCHD will not fund groups that are knowingly members of coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral and social teaching (e.g. promotion or support of abortion, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, racism, as well as the use of the death penalty punitive measures toward immigrants, etc.). Prohibited activities include participation in or endorsing actions that promote legislation, and ballot initiatives (including voter guides and other written materials) that contradict Catholic moral or social teaching.

Given that, VOICE Buffalo should have been denied any future funding after 2019 when we first reported that VOICE Buffalo was a member of WNY Peace Center due to the center's consistent push for abortion, Planned Parenthood, and LGBTQ ideologies.

Under the heading “[Gender Justice](#),” the WNY Peace Center firmly states that it is fighting for LGBTQ "rights" as well as "bodily autonomy." Given the hashtag "stop the bans," it is clear that bodily autonomy is a reference to abortion.

The Gender Justice Taskforce of the WNY Peace Center promotes respect, dignity, and justice for all genders. We fight for the equitable distribution of power, knowledge, and resources regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, class, race or ethnicity.

In addition, the WNY Peace Center has organized the Women's March – WNY since its inception in 2017, with marches of 4K, 5K, and several hundreds out in 65-mph-galeforce winds for two years in a row. We held a special Women's March October '20 to support continuation and improvement (vast improvement needed) of our democracy, and to stop violence against women, people and the planet. More to follow!

In addition to rising to address the needs of women who are impacted by patriarchal and sexist ideologies, we are also working to address the injustices against the LGBTQIA community.

Our taskforce will promote gender justice and collaborate with others to lift the voices of those whose human rights and dignity are threatened, calling out and fighting against all forms of gender and sex-based oppression.

Action Items:

- Support bodily autonomy and equal rights. #stopthebans #transequality
- Contact Talia Rodriguez at Talia.Rodriguez.716@gmail.com to talk about or to suggest events and/or collaboration
- Check out the literature on our Intersectional (Gender & Racial Justice) Book List (see below).

WNY Peace Center states that all the issues it pushes via taskforces, including abortion and homosexuality, are interconnected: “While our nine taskforces focus on issue areas such as Gender Justice, Racial Justice, Prisoners’ Rights, Immigrant & Refugee Justice, Resist Militarism!, etc., **we stress the interconnectedness of our issues**, Uniting in the Struggle and Movement-Building.” (emphasis added, source: [//wnypeace.org/wp/about/history/](http://wnypeace.org/wp/about/history/))

WNY Peace Center has a “Gender Justice” task force that promotes homosexual activism, donating to Planned Parenthood and boasts about a picture of a “uterus giving the finger.”



WNY Peace Center #UniteTheStruggles



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Gender Justice

Taskforce Chair: Denise Robinson
Email: wnypc_gender@safeforwork.ca

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Action Items:

- Make donations to places like Planned Parenthood and the Pride Center of WNY
- Support bodily autonomy and equal rights. #stopthebans #transequality
- Join us at our next meeting July 29, 2019 at 5pm at the Merriweather Library.
- Contact Denise Robinson at wnypc_gender@safeforwork.ca to talk about direct action events or to suggest events and/or collaboration



Image: Demonstrators behind the WNY Peace Center banner at a march for equal rights. One sign depicts a uterus giving the finger.



Image: The WNY Peace Center table at Pride 2019. Denise Robinson holds a rainbow fan.

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Perhaps not surprisingly, WNY Peace Center's [list of partners](#) includes Planned Parenthood, CNY & WNY.

In addition to being a member of WNY Peace Center, VOICE Buffalo is an affiliate of the radically pro-abortion Faith in Action, as [can be seen here](#).

Faith in Action Federations:

- ▶ Alabama
- ▶ Arizona
- ▶ California
- ▶ Colorado
- ▶ Florida
- ▶ Indiana
- ▶ Louisiana
- ▶ Massachusetts
- ▶ Michigan
- ▶ Minnesota
- ▶ Missouri
- ▶ Nevada
- ▶ New Hampshire
- ▶ New Jersey
- ▶ New Mexico
- ▶ New York
 - > ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMING SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE
 - > BUFFALO IMMIGRANT LEADERSHIP TEAM, BUFFALO
 - > FAITH IN NEW YORK, CORONA
 - > NIAGARA ORGANIZING ALLIANCE FOR HOPE, NIAGARA FALLS
 - > ROCACTS, ROCHESTER
 - > VOICE-BUFFALO, BUFFALO

Faith in Action is a coalition of 49 members, many of whom receive funding from the CCHD. Faith in Action itself [received \\$500,000 in 2016 from the CCHD](#), when it was called the PICO Network. However, Faith in Action publicly supports abortion, its leaders openly slammed the overturn of Roe v. Wade, and FIA participated in electioneering activities [in support of President Joe Biden](#) and other Democratic candidates. The organization also supports LGBTQ+ ideologies. All of the pertinent information regarding Faith in Action on the whole is contained in the fully detailed report on FIA ([see here](#)), but the most important point is this:

On the day of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Dobbs v. Jackson case which overturned Roe v. Wade, Faith in Action took a formal position condemning the ruling, while vowing to "stand

with women” calling it “oppression” to deny a woman the right to murder her child through abortion.

In an [official press release](#), published on Faith in Action’s website, Faith in Action said:

“Clergy and organizers with **Faith in Action**, the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States, are **speaking out against today’s Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade**, following a leak of the Supreme Court opinion.”

FIA’s executive director Rev. Alvin Herring called the decision, “a huge blow to women in this season of despair,” and declared that “[w]e must speak out against dangerous policies that chip away at **having agency over their own bodies**.”

Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, FIA’s Senior Strategist at FIA’s Washington, DC office, claimed that the “SCOTUS decision to overturn ROE” was “legalized, judicially enforced oppression” that “shows contempt for the Creator.”

Rev. Kamilah Hall Sharp, member of FIA’s Organizing Clergy Board, said that the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade was “deadly,” and that she was “enraged at the injustice, the lack of care for women and that most people who voted to **take this right away will never have to carry an unwanted pregnancy** to term in their bodies.” She then had the audacity to claim that “As a follower of Jesus,” her rage about the overturning of Roe “aligns with [H]is.”

This is the entire statement as it appeared on the Faith in Action website:

News & Media

FAITH LEADERS STAND WITH WOMEN AFTER SCOTUS DECISION, DEMAND EXPANDED ACCESS TO MATERNAL HEALTH CARE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 24, 2022

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WASHINGTON—Clergy and organizers with [Faith in Action](#), the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States, are speaking out against today's Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, following a leak of the Supreme Court opinion.

"This is a huge blow to women in this season of despair. As people of faith, we are called on to join with women who are afraid today. We must speak out against dangerous policies that chip away at having agency over their own bodies," said The Rev. Alvin Herring, executive director of Faith in Action. "This country pretends to be a nation that cares about the wellbeing of women when millions of women are without health insurance and access to maternal health care. It is also no secret who will be most affected: poor Black and Brown women. Our collective liberation relies on all of us having the tools to live our fullest lives and make decisions grounded in our own values and beliefs. As faith leaders, it is not our place to judge others for their circumstances – rather, it is our job to stand against policies that make the lives of women more difficult."

This decision comes in the midst of women across the United States are struggling to find formula to feed their babies and the irony is not lost on these leaders. The U.S. also has the highest maternal mortality rate of any developed nation and its currently the highest it has been in decades.

"The U.S. from its origin has been a tale of two countries, the privileged and the underprivileged. We are also a country that often operates under the veneer of a fraudulent connection to religion. Proverbs 14:31 reminds us that, 'Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.' The SCOTUS decision to overturn ROE not only puts those who inequities have caused to be perpetually, underprivileged such as poor women, Black women and other women of Color at risk but it also inherently shows contempt for the Creator," said Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, Senior Strategist, Faith Leadership Strategies, Faith in Action and Associate at Metropolitan A.M.E. Church in DC. "It is a moment in which people of faith have to wrestle with theologies that support oppression of any kind. It is a sad day for us but we have been here before and will continue to advocate for, stand with and protect the well being of those who continue to be saddled with legalized, judicially enforced oppression."

"Today is a difficult day for women and children in this country because of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. People are hurt, scared, and frankly, enraged," said The Rev. Kamillah Hall Sharp, Co-Pastor, The Gathering, A Womanist Church in Dallas and Clergy Organizing Board, Faith in Action. "Here in Texas, we have one of the country's highest Black mother mortality rates, no Medicaid expansion, and child care is hard to get even for people with the money. This decision is deadly. I, too, am enraged at the injustice, the lack of care for women and that most people who voted to take this right away will never have to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term in their bodies. As a follower of Jesus, I believe my rage aligns with his. Jesus was so enraged by injustice and the oppression of the people he flipped tables. We must harness our rage and organize and flip seats in state and federal legislatures so that evil does not get the final word."

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Faith in Action is the largest grassroots, faith-based organizing network in the United States. The nonpartisan organization works with 1,000 religious congregations in more than 200 cities and towns through its 46 local and state federations. For more information, visit www.faithinaction.org.

Conclusion

There is absolutely no excuse for VOICE Buffalo to be receiving funding from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. It actively promotes LGBTQ ideologies on social media. It was a sponsor for a pro-abortion, pro-LGBT event called the Women's March WNY. And it is a member of two radically pro-abortion and pro-LGBTQ organizations (WNY Peace Center and Faith in Action) in direct violation of CCHD grant guidelines.