

International Candlelight Vigil for Clergy Abuse Victims



A Gathering

Three of us ... friends
Meet and remember
All the children
Youth
And others
Who were vulnerable
To the un-holy powers of the un-holy men ... and women.

So many who were tricked
By the dogma of the un-holy
Lied to, battered, and drugged
Trafficked ... transported ...
By cars and boats to the camping grounds, parks, and cabins ...
Inside churches everywhere
Even the child's bed was known not to be off-limits
To the un-holy powers of the un-holy men ... and women.
We met as friends
This evening of October two-six
Also to remember the violence of the un-holy men ... and women
Who were and are the abusers, the torturers

And the ritual abuse-torturers of many
To move heaven and earth
To prevent the violent expression
Of the un-holy powers of the un-holy men ... and women
From happening again!

So, our blue candle shone
Its light
To join with the light of the candles of others
From around the world
Who stood united together
With caring and compassion
For all of humanity to be free
From the un-holy powers and un-holy violence
Of the un-holy men ... and women.

... Jeanne Sarson
In celebration of the first International Candlelight Vigil