

# Let's talk about it



## MOVIE: Spotlight, with Conversation to Follow

On **Sunday, December 9** from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm we are hosting an opportunity to view “Spotlight” and engage in a conversation about the movie and issues related to the sexual abuse of children in the Catholic Church.

This event will be facilitated by Susan Pavlak and Gil Gustafson. In 2012 Susan and Gil co-created the Uncommon Conversation which is a process that assists Catholics to share their thoughts about sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Gil and Susan have jointly presented at the annual conference of Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sex Offenders and at the Minnesota Sex Offenders Program in St. Peter, MN.

Susan is a parishioner of St. Thomas Becket. Susan is a retired operations manager who was sexually abused in high school by her religion teacher. She has worked for the transformation of church and society on the issues of sexual abuse since 1999. Susan serves on the external review board of a local religious order and has presented at Rush City and Lino Lakes Sex Offender Treatment programs.

Gil Gustafson was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in 1977. In 1983 Gil pleaded guilty to Criminal Sexual Conduct, third Degree for sexual abuse of a minor. Gil remained in active ministry away from children until June, 2002. He has facilitated aftercare groups for sex offenders and spoken about sexual abuse in various parts of the country.

In July of 2017 the National Catholic Reporter published extensive interviews of Susan and Gil.

Here are the links:

- ['All of us together': Sex abuse survivor seeks healing within the church](#)
- [Convicted soul: A priest-perpetrator of child sexual abuse shares his story](#)

On December 9, you may come at 1:00 to watch the movie; take part in the conversation at 3:30 pm or do both.