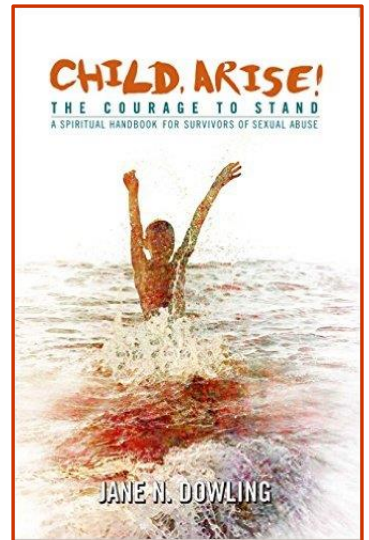


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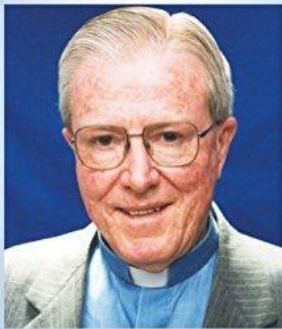
The Resource Centre has many new resources and two in particular that I would like to bring to your attention.

Child, arise! The courage to stand: a spiritual handbook for survivors of sexual abuse by Jane N. Dowling (2015). Kew, Victoria: David Lovell Publishing

Jane Dowling was sexually abused by a relative and a priest but considers herself a survivor rather than a victim. She describes her journey of healing, inspired and guided by scripture. *Child, arise* has received many recommendations. Fr David Ranson, a theologian and a senior lecturer at Sydney College of Divinity has written in the forward to the book: 'This I believe is one of the most important books to have been written in a time of what, for the Church, is one of intense scrutiny and dark and disturbing exposure. It is an account of personal courage and gracious spirit, and a story of remarkable faith. It is a book full of invitation, possibility and hope.'



The 2015 Synod
The Crucial Questions:
Divorce and Homosexuality



Geoffrey James Robinson

2015 Synod: the crucial questions: divorce and homosexuality by Bishop Geoffrey James Robinson (2015). Hindmarsh, South Australia: ATF Press

The October 2014 session of the Synod of Bishops looked at the modern family through a pastoral lens, focusing in particular where there seemed to be a conflict between church, doctrine and pastoral need. Two subjects rose to prominence: the situation of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender persons and the situations of Catholics whose marriage has failed and who have later remarried.

In this contribution to the Synod scheduled for October 2015, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson contends that 'if the second session of the Synod is to find answers, it must first look seriously at the church teachings involved to see whether they might allow some 'room to move' in a finding pastoral solutions.' That is what is offered here. (From the backcover)

It is worth your while to get updated on what is happening at the Synod by reading excerpts from the *National Catholic Reporter* online at nronline.org

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