

From a Culture of Silence to a Culture of Conversation

As leaders of a diverse cross-section of Catholic organizations, we are committed to challenging the culture of silencing in the Church, and begin building, in its place, a culture of conversation, consultation and collaboration.

The publication of "Ephphatha--Be Opened! An Invitation to a Culture of Conversation," was the first step along that path. Thank you for responding to the invitation. We are eager to build support for this effort among our sisters and brothers in Christ.

The document's original signers published the statement again in the fall and plan to reprint the ad in December's edition of Church magazine, with a broader list of endorsements. We have already received endorsements from:

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