



Scheduled Press Events in Rome – February 19 to 22

Event Date	Location	Event Topic
Wednesday, February 19: Press Conference at 9 AM	Orange Hotel Via Crescenzio, 86, 00193 Roma RM, Italy	“We’re Not Going Away” An accounting of Vatican Inaction One Year after Vox Estis Lux Mundi One year after Pope Francis’ <i>Vox Estis Mundi</i> was said to create an “all-out battle” against clergy abuse, representatives from SNAP, the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, will discuss the changes they have seen in the institutional church over the past twelve months, reiterate the need for continued involvement by secular officials, and make a call to action to survivors across the world to come forward, make a report to law enforcement, and find healing in a network of survivors.
Thursday, February 20: Press Conference at 9 AM Survivor March to follow	Orange Hotel Via Crescenzio, 86, 00193 Roma RM, Italy	An Update on Abuse by Women Religious Last year, Mary Dispenza, SNAP’s Leader on Nun Abuse went to deliver a letter to the Superiors General, urging them to speak out about nuns as sexual abusers. They refused to meet her. Back home in the United States, Mary tried to arrange a meeting with the LCWR, and they too refused to meet her. In the face of inaction by nun leadership, Mary will share an update on nun abuse in the past year. She will share the demands of victims and survivors of sexual abuse by women religious and call for justice and action.
Friday, February 21: Press Conference at 9 AM	Orange Hotel Via Crescenzio, 86, 00193 Roma RM, Italy	The Power of the Pope: Five of Pope Francis’ Most Egregious Failures in 2019 and Immediate Steps for Him to Take in 2020 In 2019, Pope Francis reversed Pope Benedict’s decision to hold cases of clergy abuse as a “pontifical secret.” This minor step forward points to the Pope’s power to create meaningful change in canon law that can help prevent future cases of abuse. But despite having this power, Pope Francis has not used his power to address once and for all the major stumbling blocks causing the epidemic of clergy abuse to continue today, SNAP finds the Pope guilty of perpetuating crimes against children and others. At this session, SNAP representatives will share their examples of Pope Francis’ 5 most egregious mistakes in 2019 and their three action steps that Pope Francis must take in 2020 in order to have a meaningful impact on clergy abuse worldwide.
Saturday, February 22: Press Conference at 9 AM	Orange Hotel Via Crescenzio, 86, 00193 Roma RM, Italy	“We will be back next year” Messages of Hope for Survivors Worldwide SNAP representatives will wrap up the week by sharing their expectations for 2020 and specifically how church officials can help survivors, protect children and the vulnerable, and hold sexual predators accountable. They will also share their ideas and opinions on how survivors and advocates around the world can force change in their local communities and share calls-to-action that can be done by parishioners and the public in order to help prevent future abuse.