



# JOIN SOULFORCE THIS FALL FOR TWO IMPORTANT DIRECT ACTIONS:

## RETURN TO LYNCHBURG in OCTOBER and the CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE in NOVEMBER

### **RETURN TO LYNCHBURG: October 25-27, 2002**

Three years ago when Soulforcees met with Jerry Falwell, he promised to tone down his anti-gay rhetoric. Unfortunately, he didn't live up to his promise.

His hateful speech is used to deny gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people equal rights. His toxic rhetoric creates fear among his followers and raises money for his empire. Therefore, we are going to take the truth with us to Lynchburg and expose his lies and half-truths to the nation. We need you to join us to hold Jerry accountable and share the truth about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people with citizens of Lynchburg and members of Thomas Road Baptist Church.

We will launch a Museum of Intolerance in Lynchburg featuring an extensive display of Jerry's anti-gay rhetoric from his sermons, interviews, newsletters, and fund-raising appeals. We will premiere a new "rhetoric of intolerance" video. Additionally, we will distribute a collection of Jerry's untruths to the media, go door to door, and march through Lynchburg to make sure our voices are heard.

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE: November 10 - 14, 2002 in Washington, D.C.**

Soulforce will gather the third year in a row in Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

This is going to be one of the most important times for us to be at the USCCB, given the attempt by the Catholic Church to scapegoat gay priests and sidestep their responsibility related to the recent sexual abuse scandals.

In the past, some bishops have stopped to talk with us as we vigiled, but most have ignored us. No matter what the response, we need to be relentless in our attempts to help them to see the truth: their anti-gay policies and scapegoating gay priests is causing suffering and even death for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people, both inside and outside the Church. Additionally the Catholic Church spends thousands and thousands of dollars supporting anti-gay public policies and ballot initiatives. Enough is Enough!

*Whether you are a Soulforce veteran or a first-timer, please join us for these important actions. You can sign up online at [www.soulforce.org](http://www.soulforce.org). If you live in the Lynchburg area and want to volunteer to help in planning this event, contact Diana at [prosedoc@aol.com](mailto:prosedoc@aol.com). If you live in the Washington, D.C. area and want to volunteer to help, contact Kara at [kara@soulforce.org](mailto:kara@soulforce.org). If you don't have email or web access, you can contact us at 1-877-705-6393.*