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Subject: MISINFORMATION

I am writing a story on Father Peter Harman and the North American College.

CNA ran a story by Hannah Brockhaus, [Rector Fr. Peter Harman to end term at North American College seminary in Rome](#), in which she reported,

"More than 200 seminarians and graduate priests from the United States and Australia are currently studying at the college."

My research reveals that prior to Harman's installation as rector in 2016, the previous rector, James Checchio, reported in *Roman Echoes*, Volume 20, Issue 1, that there were "252 students at the seminary." A Rome source contacted me recently and said that since Harman and Park took office, enrollment dropped significantly to approximately 115.

If you look at the photo below of the seminarians and priests enrolled this year along with members of the faculty found on the NAC Facebook page, you see that this year's student enrollment appears to be only about half the number reported by Brockhaus.



The fact that Brockhaus failed to mention that Harman is accused in a lawsuit of engaging in anal sex with his former bishop in the presence of seminarians, as well as covering up predatory behavior on the part of the former vice rector, Father Adam Park, that was reported by a number of former NAC seminarians, would lead one to characterize the article as a whitewash (aka "fake news").

Please respond to this inquiry either with a correction to the article or proof that "More than 200 seminarians and graduate priests from the United States and Australia are currently studying at the college."

Sincerely,

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