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Dear Cardinal Dolan and other responsible parties,

While this pandemic has left many of us more “vulnerable” seniors wondering if we are going to live or die, the quarantine does afford us time to reflect on the past which, for you and me, would include our formation days together in Rome. Could you ever have imagined back then that you would be reading this letter sitting where you are today?

On May 6, 2002, I reported a Catholic Navy Chaplain, Father John Thomas “Matt” Lee, whom I was informed had a live-in boyfriend. In that same letter to then-Archbishop Edwin O’Brien with a copy to Bishop Joseph Adamec, I also reported a case of a veteran whom I recommended to study for the priesthood who left the seminary after the administration failed to take corrective action when he reported being propositioned by gay seminarians. As Dominican Father Thomas Doyle reported in his article, “Cardinals Behaving Badly,” not only did O’Brien refuse to look at the evidence I brought to his office supporting the allegations in my reports, but he also tried to get me to undergo a psychological evaluation before unjustly revoking my ecclesiastical endorsement. It was O’Brien who eventually compelled me to leave the priesthood by getting Bishop Adamec to silence me by offering me orders to serve as a chaplain at a remote state prison.

As a result of the unjust reprisals Father Doyle and I experienced, I could not help but be interested in reading an article about Anthony Gorgia who was a student at the North American College (NAC), and whose resignation under duress you accepted without the fairness of an impartial investigation into his case. Having investigated a number of sex abuse cases involving Catholic Chaplains serving with Marines that I mentioned in my America article published four months before *The Boston Globe* began running its series of abuse articles in January of 2002, and after having been allowed access to the evidence you refused to examine with Mr. Gorgia, it is my opinion that Anthony is a whistleblower whose dismissal had nothing to do with his alleged “slow progress in human formation” or the impact his medical leave would have upon his academic performance.

There are quite a number of reasons I strongly believe that Anthony is the victim of reprisals and discrimination by homosexual priests who viewed him as a threat to their homosexual relationships. These reasons include:

1) Anthony’s problems appear to have begun after he showed by his facial expression disdain toward the behavior of the vice-rector, Father Adam Park, who appeared to be inappropriately touching a fellow seminarian (as Monsignor Otto Garcia did to me when I was in my room at NAC studying for my finals) and after Anthony was made aware from classmates of immoral homosexual behaviors involving Father Park. Familiar as I am sure you are with the case involving my own classmate, Father Robert Kelly, who prior to his removal was the NAC Academic Dean, you know all too well how certain “behavior” is covered up which can often result in the priest undertaking it again in the future.

2) The reasons given to justify Anthony’s disenrollment are highly suspect. How many seminarians in the history of NAC – or any Catholic seminary - have been disenrolled in the middle of the academic year for such specious reasons involving their “human formation” or “permission” documentation – all of which in Anthony’s case are proven to be false accusations? Was it not you yourself who granted Anthony permission in writing to return for the non-elective surgery?

3) You refused to meet with Anthony or respond to specific issues raised by him, his parents and other concerned professionals, clergy and laity. I am certain most people would feel you had a “moral” duty to hear his

side of the story. I can't tell you how many investigations I did in the course of my military career in which senior officers unjustly disciplined subordinates in order to cover-up wrong doing on their own part.

4) You ordered Anthony to undergo a psychological evaluation that lacked justification despite very positive, objective evaluations - even from yourself - showing that Anthony was in no way deficient in his formation. Anthony also had an outstanding record of academic performance which you in multiple communications have praised. Anthony was a Summa Cum Laude student throughout his seminary studies and was chosen by the NAC Faculty and his peers to be the seminary's academic representative to the Gregorian University.

5) You refused to investigate whether or not Fathers Park and Harman are homosexuals who are discriminating against heterosexually oriented candidates for the priesthood. What happened to Anthony is potentially suggestive of gay church officials abusing their power and reprisng against heterosexually oriented vulnerable seminarians.

As a NAC alumnus, I cannot help but be concerned if the behavior Anthony witnessed and learned of from other classmates is similar to behavior that contributed to the closing of seminaries like St. John's Provincial Seminary in Detroit (aka the "Pink Palace") and Christ the King Seminary in Aurora where the rector, Father Joseph Gotto, was alleged to have made homosexual advances toward seminarians.

The late A.W. Richard Sipe, in addition to reporting ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick to Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 which resulted in McCarrick's censure, discussed his experience in the area of clerical sex abuse when he wrote that he had heard "from many priests about their seduction by highly placed clerics and the dire consequences in their lives that does not end in their victimization alone... This abuse paves the way for them to pass the tradition on—to have sex with each other and even with minors." An investigation has yet to be undertaken to discover how many bishops and priests who were preyed upon by McCarrick when they were young priests and seminarians today "pass this tradition on."

Seminarians who are exposed to homosexual cultures in seminaries react similarly to young people who grow up in homes where alcoholism is a serious problem. While some young people end up imitating the behavior they witnessed and become alcoholics themselves, others demonstrate a particularly strong aversion toward alcohol. Likewise, while a priest like Father Mark White who was ordained by ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick is very outspoken in condemning clerical homosexual predation and behavior, the jury is still out on Father Adam Park who was ordained by McCarrick in 2005. Might an investigative reporter find a connection between the way Richmond Bishop Barry Knestout (ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick's personal secretary) is dealing with Father Mark White; with the way Cardinal Blase Cupich (whose appointment was alleged by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò to have been orchestrated by ex-Cardinal McCarrick) is dealing with Father Paul Kalchik; and the way you are dealing with Anthony Gorgia involving allegations against Father Adam Park (Cardinal Wuerl's former priest secretary)?

When Father "Matt" Lee was arrested in 2007 and charged with aggravated assault, sodomy, conduct unbecoming an officer, and failure to inform sex partners that he was HIV positive, then-Archbishop O'Brien lied by leading reporters to believe he had no knowledge of Lee's homosexual activities. Even though my 2002 letter addressing Lee's homosexual cohabitation may still be found in the office files of both the Archbishop for the Military Services and the Bishop of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, I found it interesting that O'Brien's successor, Archbishop Timothy Broglio, lied about what I had reported when he wrote on September 17, 2019, that I simply "reported suspicions of Matt Lee's probable homosexual orientation." I dare say if someone were to write him saying a chaplain had "a live-in girlfriend," I doubt he would state that someone simply "reported suspicions of a chaplain's probable "heterosexual orientation." Had O'Brien not covered up Lee's homosexual predation but got him the help he needed to arrest his behavior, Lee might not find himself serving a 30 year sentence in a Federal Correctional Institution today.

You may recall that Father Walter Rossi, the rector of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, who was accused of homosexual predation, was investigated by both the Ordinary of his home Diocese of Scranton and the

Archbishop of Washington in whose archdiocese the Shrine is located. Insofar as Fathers Park and Harman are priests of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois; and insofar as Father John McDonald - who appears to be playing the role of Richard Rich in A Man for All Seasons – is from the Diocese of Birmingham, I think it is only appropriate that I copy the Ordinaries of all these priests involved in this alleged reprisal against Anthony.

In addition to copying Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Bishop Thomas Paprocki, and Bishop Steven Raica, I think it is also appropriate that I copy the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, insofar as the North American College is located on property of the Vatican City State. Owing to the fact that the February 2019 Vatican Sex Abuse Summit excluded addressing the sexual abuse of seminarians after Pope Francis' top reformer, Cardinal Óscar Rodríguez Maradiaga, slammed "seminarians for exposing homosexuality inside the (Tegucigalpa) seminary," I will also send a copy of this letter to Cardinal Sean O'Malley in his role as *President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors* and as a mandatory reporter.

An innocent person who is sentenced to prison is entitled to compensation for the unjust action that was taken against him. If Anthony was unjustly separated from NAC and it is later revealed that Fathers Harman and/or Park are homosexuals who have preyed on seminarians, other adults or even minors, then I think all of the prelates who are in receipt of these allegations should be prepared to compensate him for the seven years of his life that were lost; for the defamation he suffered; and for the unjust discrimination he experienced based on his heterosexual orientation.

Lest you fail to act and are in violation of *Vos estis lux mundi* owing to the allegations involving Cardinal O'Brien and Archbishop Broglio that I have joined to those of Mr. Gorgia, I strongly encourage you and the three other Ordinaries to undertake an impartial and thorough investigation into all of the allegations contained within this communication. If I were tasked with this investigation, I would begin by speaking with members of Anthony's class in a manner in which their responses were assured to be totally confidential. Unless the investigation is carried out in an impartial manner which absolutely guarantees confidentiality - thereby protecting respondents from reprisals - one cannot expect the results to be of any value.

In order to preclude the recipients of this letter saying they were never informed of the numerous allegations contained in this communication, I will imitate the late A.W. Richard Sipe who made it clear that he had reported Theodore McCarrick to Pope Benedict XVI by posting a copy of his letter on his website. Hence, one can also read this letter at <http://www.gomulka.net/Dolan.pdf>

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