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Most Rev. George J. Lucas
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Dear Archbishop Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of [April 9, 2025](#), in which you reported that the allegations contained in my "[Open Letter to Pope Francis](#) dated [30 September 2024](#)" were "examined by the Holy See" and that "the competent dicastery" concluded that "the allegations were determined to be unfounded."

An investigator who has been investigating sex abuse cases for 34 years, including one in which a predator priest received a 30-year prison sentence, was kind to undertake a *pro bono* thorough examination of my case involving the [timeline](#), evidence, communications, witnesses, etc. It is his professional opinion that while you appear to be covering up for Father Hanneman, Cardinal Christophe Pierre and unnamed dicastery officials in the Vatican appear to be covering up for you and your failure to have properly investigated Father Hanneman, perhaps fearing that it may cause other victims to come forward.

The investigator noted, for example, that you lied to me about your reporting requirements to the Office of the Nebraska Attorney General (AG). In your letter of [October 9, 2021](#), you wrote that you did not report my alleged abuse to civil authorities that took place in 1972-74 because the Omaha Archdiocese was required by the Nebraska AG to turn over documents only involving "incidents to have occurred January 1, 1978 or later." However, in his interaction with the Nebraska AG's Office, the investigator discovered that you were not required to report "incidents to have occurred January 1, 1978, or later," but that you were required to hand over "[all investigative files in your possession relating to child sexual abuse dating back to January 1, 1978](#)." It appears that you knew that the AG wanted abuse cases reported to the archdiocese after January 1, 1978, and not "incidents" that occurred after January 1, 1978 when you sent a [letter dated November 18, 2020](#) to the faithful of the archdiocese in which you wrote that the archdiocese turned over abuse documents to the AG's Office "as far back as 1956 but reported to the archdiocese between 1978-2018." The facts are that my abuse occurred in 1972-74, clearly after 1956, and was reported to Archbishop Elden Curtiss and the Omaha Archdiocese in 2003, also clearly before 2018. This all proves that you failed to report my abuse allegations to civil authorities as required by law.

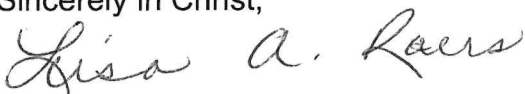
There are two reasons the investigator is convinced of a cover-up by you, the Archdiocese, the Papal Nuncio, Boys Town officials, and unnamed Vatican dicastery officials. One, if the case was "investigated thoroughly," then why did the archdiocese

not reach out and interview the second victim I [reported to the Antelope County Sheriff's Department](#) knowing full well that filing a false police report in Nebraska is a Class 1 misdemeanor which carries a potential penalty of up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000? Why did Cardinal Pierre admit in a letter to Lincoln Bishop James Conley dated December 23, 2024 that he was "archiving" the case when neither he nor any investigating Church official attempted to gather corroborating evidence from a second victim.

The second reason the investigator believes the *Vos Estis* investigation by Cardinal Pierre and dicastery officials was a total "whitewash" was because of their failure to investigate other allegations against you identified in a January 7, 2025, letter from Attorney Andrew C. Pease, General Counsel for the Lincoln Diocese. According to Attorney Pease, you were accused in the *Vos Estis* complaint of "engaging in sexual acts with an adult, abuse of minors, failure to report sexual abuse of a minor, alleging [anal sex with Father Peter Harman](#) (the former rector of the North American College), abusing [a high school seminarian](#) at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, and covering up the [sexual abuse of Cynthia Yesko](#) by two of his Springfield diocesan priests." The fact that no one from the Vatican dicastery, the Nunciature, or the Diocese of Lincoln ever contacted Cynthia Yesko, the former St. Louis seminarian who filed a lawsuit against you, or those who, according to [court documents](#), reported your participation in a gay orgy at your Springfield episcopal residence, demonstrates that these allegations were never thoroughly investigated. Interestingly, your April 9 letter does not address any of these other allegations which strengthen my own case in keeping with the principle, "*Qui tacet consentire.*"

I am writing to request that you, along with the nuncio and dicastery that supposedly investigated the *Vos Estis* complaint, explain: 1) Why none of you sought to speak with the second victim I mentioned in my open letter/video; 2) Why those involved in the *Vos Estis* investigation never spoke with key witnesses involving your alleged predation, homosexual misconduct, and history of cover-ups in St. Louis and Springfield; and 3) Why Father Hanneman was never placed on leave in 2003, nor were parishes in which he served notified in keeping with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People?

Sincerely in Christ,



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Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith
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Bishop Michael McGovern
Bishop James D. Conley