

Your Eminences/Excellencies,

I regret to inform you that my investigation into allegations of clerical misconduct at the Pontifical North American College (NAC) has revealed that the problems of heterophobia and retaliatory seminary homosexual subcultures is much broader than I had originally reported. Not only have present and past NAC seminarians spoken confidentially of how seminarians were reprimanded for addressing this problem, but many of them identified gay subcultures at seminaries they attended even prior to studying in Rome (e.g, Pontifical College Josephinum, St. Joseph's in Dunwoodie, St. John's near Boston, etc.).

Insofar as neither the Vatican nor the U.S. Episcopacy has taken action to investigate the allegations reported to the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre; Cardinal Beniamino Stella, and others, I feel it necessary to offer an "immigration advisory" to the episcopal conferences of countries that have contributed the largest number of seminarians and priests to serve in the United States in recent years.

The following translated letter, available also in its original Polish format, will provide you with an example of the warning that will be conveyed to various episcopal conferences in their respective languages.

How many Catholic parents entrusted their sons to seminaries only to have had them preyed upon and sexually abused by faculty members or older seminarians? Parents of heterosexually oriented seminarians who may be assigned to study at NAC may wish to know why their bishops never appraised them of this uninvestigated issue which Cardinal Dolan, the NAC Board of Governors, and the current NAC administration appear to be covering-up or ignoring.

In keeping with my effort to carry out this investigation with integrity and transparency, this communication will be available to the media, clergy, laity, and other interested parties online at <http://www.gomulka.net/Poland.pdf> .

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Your Eminences/Excellencies,

Poland is one country that has contributed quite a number of seminarians and priests to minister in U.S. dioceses over the past decades. I had the privilege of recruiting one of those priests, Father Stanisław Czernota, to be a chaplain in the United States Navy. Although he was already 55 years old when he was commissioned and could only serve until he reached the age of 62, he saw his military service to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families as a way of thanking the United States for adopting him and granting him citizenship.

I regret that some Poles who have immigrated to the United States have not always had positive experiences. Before being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Buffalo in New York, Ryszard Biernat was assigned as a seminarian to work over the summer in a local parish with Father Arthur Smith. When Smith came into Biernat's bedroom one night and wanted to engage in gay sex, the young seminarian threw him out and reported the matter to Auxiliary Bishop Edward Grosz. Instead of disciplining the sexually abusive gay priest, Grosz told Biernat that what happened was his own fault for not having locked his bedroom door. Grosz threatened to have Biernat's Green Card for residency revoked and have him deported back to Poland never to be ordained a priest if he ever told anyone what had happened. It was after Biernat kept quiet and was later ordained that Father Smith was accused of having sexually

abused his own nephew. Angered at how he was coerced as a seminarian into covering up Father Smith's homosexual predation, Biernat later disclosed to the media how his bishop had been covering up for many sexually abusive priests.

I share this true story with you because what happened to Biernat is happening to other seminarians and priests in the United States. When former seminarian Anthony Gorgia more recently witnessed inappropriate touching and received allegations of clerical misconduct on the part of Father Adam Park, vice-rector of the Pontifical North American College (NAC) in Rome, Gorgia was essentially offered the same option Biernat received: Be quiet about what you saw and heard and you will be ordained; tell anyone about it and you will never be a priest. Gorgia, unlike Biernat, felt in conscience he could not be quiet about the threat of predation his fellow seminarians faced, and he was coerced into discontinuing his studies for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York. While a genuine vocation such as Gorgia has been lost, priests accused of misconduct such as Father Park and clerics alleged to have covered-up misconduct such as Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the NAC Board of Governors, and Father Peter Harman remain in ministry.

Until the U.S. bishops correct this predation problem in seminaries and parishes instead of covering it up as they have been doing, I fear what could happen to other Polish seminarians and priests were they to immigrate here. You might even consider the risk that your dioceses will lose authentic vocations, as happened in the Archdiocese of New York, should seminarians continue to be exposed to clerical misconduct. Just as the U.S. State Department issues official warnings about traveling to certain unstable countries throughout the world, I encourage you to issue a warning about the moral dangers that currently exist in U.S. dioceses and seminaries.

After having concelebrated Mass and socialized with Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and St. John Paul II on different occasions, I believe they would want me to issue you this warning. As of this writing, Father Ryszard Biernat has been suspended for revealing to the media that his bishop was covering up sex abuse, and Anthony Gorgia will be taking legal action after his attempts to resolve his case through ecclesiastical channels has only met with silence.

Proud of my Polish roots and grateful that I still have cousins living in Warsaw, I pray that God will bless you through the intercession of St. John Paul II, and that he will help you find inspiration in the life of the soon to be beatified Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński.

Sincerely in Christ,

Original Polish Letter Signed

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