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Dear Father Stuart,

When then-Bishop Robert McElroy was installed as the Bishop of San Diego in 2015, one of his first acts was to return Father Jacob Bertrand to ministry after he was reported the previous year for having [satanically ritually raped Rachel Mastrogiacom](#) during the celebration of Mass. Interestingly, during his first press conference following his installation, McElroy [announced](#): “Anyone who is involved in the abuse of a minor, simply, even in one case, cannot be allowed to be in ministry.” It seems his policy did not extend to priests who raped adults as McElroy did not remove Bertrand from ministry until August 2016 after he learned that the priest was being criminally prosecuted. Despite McElroy’s refusal to turn over key files to prosecutors and his failure to meet with the victim, Bertrand was convicted. As was reported in *The Wall Street Journal*, McElroy hid from the media and had his diocesan spokesman, Kevin Eckery, offer the following disingenuous statement: “We knew that it was poor behavior. We didn’t know that it was criminal behavior.”

McElroy is scheduled to be installed as the Archbishop of Washington on March 11, 2025. Sex abuse victims' advocates believe that he will cover up the sexual predation and homosexual misconduct that was reported to Cardinal Wilton Gregory as early as 14 March 2022 by Washington priest, Father Michael Briese who wrote, “Three adult young seminarians at the widely respected North American College (NAC) in Rome credibly accused Fr Adam Park of hitting on them for homosexual relations.” It appears that, instead of following protocol in keeping with the *Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults*, Gregory suspended Briese for reporting the alleged abuse instead of investigating Park who was accused of committing it.

Due diligence demands the uncovering of vital information while ensuring utmost accuracy – and journalists are key to that. I am in the process of undertaking due diligence for an upcoming article which will examine if McElroy will cover up the allegations against Park and the unjust suspension of Briese as he covered up the rape allegations against Bertrand and the abuse allegations he received in a July 28, 2016 letter from the late psychotherapist [Richard Sipe](#). Just as there were twelve seminarians and priests whom Sipe alleged were sexually abused by ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, there are multiple former seminarians and priests who allege sexual predation and homosexual misconduct on the part of Father Park. Links to much of this evidence were provided by Father Briese in the letter below to you dated February 2, 2025.

In an effort to offer you an opportunity to set the record straight in regard to this case that Cardinal McElroy will inherit as he did the case of Father Bertrand ten years earlier, can you be so kind as to answer the following questions:

1. When Father Park was forced to resign his position at the NAC after former New York Seminarian Anthony Gorgia was prohibited from returning to the NAC after Park and the rector, Father Peter Harman, learned that he was looking into allegations that Park was preying on seminarians, did the Archdiocese of Washington remove Park from ministry and investigate the allegations found in New York Supreme Court documents?
2. Father Briese also reported Father Carter Griffin after learning about sexual predation allegations on the part of a former St. John Paul II seminarian that also appeared not to have been investigated even after the alleged victim’s parents reported the matter to the Apostolic Nuncio in this linked letter of [November 1, 2019](#). Was Father Griffin likewise ever investigated in light of the reprisals undertaken against former Baltimore seminarian Karl Discher and Washington seminarian Jonathan Barahona who both allege being sexually harassed by Griffin?
3. When I reported Washington Father John Lee to then-Archbishop Edwin O’Brien in May of 2002 for allegations of sexual predation that I received from Jesuit Father Paul Shaughnessy, is there a record

- in any archdiocesan file showing that O'Brien reported this to Cardinal McCarrick, or did O'Brien fail to inform McCarrick of this report before Lee was arrested in 2007 and charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, aggravated assault, sodomy, and failure to inform sex partners that he was HIV positive?
4. Does anyone from the Archdiocese visit Lee now that he is serving a 30-year prison sentence in Petersburg Federal Correctional Institution?
 5. Most priests like Fathers Park, Griffin, and Lee who are accused of sexual predation were themselves abused, often by bishops, priests, or seminarians. The bishops or priests who may have groomed and abused them will often protect them if they are accused of preying on others. If Fathers Park and Griffin maintain their innocence of the uninvestigated allegations that Father Briese felt obligated to report to Cardinal Gregory, would they be willing to be interviewed about their behavior both before and after they were ordained?
 6. In his February 2, 2025 letter to you, Father Briese questioned if the Papal Nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre may be in violation of *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* by his failure to investigate abuse and/or cover-up allegations leveled against Cardinals Gregory and McElroy, Archbishop Lucas, and others by abuse and reprisal victims. Do you anticipate that Cardinal McElroy will have himself investigated [as Archbishop Lucas did in 2006](#), or will he rely upon Cardinal Pierre to simply "archive" the complaints as he did with the complaints he received on [September 30, 2024, from Rachel Mastrogiacommo and Lisa Roers](#)?

Know that I want to give Cardinal Gregory, as well as Fathers Park and Griffin, an opportunity to disprove the allegations that have been leveled against them lest Cardinal McElroy find himself having to deal with another Bertrand-Mastrogiacommo or McCarrick-Sipe abuse/cover-up case upon his arrival.

I look forward to your kind and prompt response.

Sincerely in Christ,

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P.S. For the record, although I am retired and not active in ministry, I have not been - nor have I requested to be - laicized (although many bishops whom I have investigated for abuse or cover-ups would love for me to be laicized without cause).

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Dear Father Stuart:

In your attached letter of 23 January 2025, you advised me to report to "civil authorities and to the Archdiocese immediately" any knowledge I have of "serious allegations" involving clerical sexual abuse in keeping with the *Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults*.

Let the record show that in the attached letter of 14 August 2023, I reported "serious allegations" to Captain Amy Daum of the Montgomery County Police Department about Father Adam Park who was accused in New York Supreme Court documents of sexual predation and homosexual misconduct at the North American College in Rome and in the District of Columbia. These allegations are found in sworn affidavits which can be accessed at the following court links:

Affidavit involving Park's Sexual Advances in

DC: <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=9RpwWpy50m0Zwigz3UgaiQ==>

Affidavit involving Park's sexual predation at the

NAC: <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=zQI PLUS S7GikHe4Sk0IoxeoZA==>

Affidavit 1 of Former FBI SAC involving credibility of

evidence: <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=i6qnzSx23YUYfYa0WfbrcA==>

Affidavit 2 of Former FBI SAC involving credibility of

allegations: <https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=zJXdtsqIR09M5rLMTapQhw==>

Let the record also show that before reporting these "serious allegations" to "civil authorities," I had already reported them to "the Archdiocese" as documented in my attached letter of March 14, 2022 to Wilton Cardinal Gregory.

When Cardinal Gregory did not remove Father Park from ministry pending an investigation into the "serious allegations" made against him by multiple witnesses in keeping with both the protocols established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and *Vos Estis Lux Mundi*, I wrote the attached letter of November 24, 2022, to the Attorney General (AG) of Maryland.

When neither the Archdiocese nor civil authorities appeared to act in response to the "serious allegations," I reported the matter to sex abuse victims' advocate and investigative journalist, Monsignor Eugene T. Gomulka, who submitted a sworn affidavit to New York Supreme Court involving a multi-million dollar lawsuit in which Park is accused of sexual predation and homosexual misconduct. Gomulka also wrote an article on August 1, 2021 about Park entitled, "[NAC Vice-Rector Steps Down Amidst Allegations of Homosexual Misconduct](#)." When neither his article nor my letters to Cardinal Gregory, Captain Daum, or the MD AG led to an investigation into the "serious allegations" involving Park, Gomulka wrote the attached letter of September 18, 2023 to Captain Daum. In the event that Park was accused of sexual assault after both he and I reported Park as early as March 14, 2022, the victim's lawyer could also bring suit against the Archdiocese for failing to report and investigate "serious allegations" it received about Park. In his letter to Daum, Gomulka mentions Washington Father John Lee whom [he reported for predatory behavior in 2002](#) and was left in ministry by then-Archbishop Edwin O'Brien and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick only to be [arrested in 2007](#) and charged with conduct unbecoming an officer, sexual assault, sodomy, and failure to inform sex partners that he was HIV positive. After Lee was incarcerated for his abuse of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen and other vulnerable military personnel, Lee was released in 2004 only to be arrested again in 2014 on sex charges involving minors for which he was [sentenced to 30 years](#) in federal prison.

The Washington priests who allegedly abused the children who committed suicide that I mentioned in my enclosed letter of January 20, 2025 were already deceased when I learned about them from Catholics in my southern Maryland parish. Consequently, there was no need to report them to civil authorities. However, Maryland AG Investigators may wish to examine Archdiocesan files to see if the abuse of the victims was reported before they committed suicide, or if the priests remained in ministry like Father Park after "serious allegations" about them were reported to archdiocesan officials. Investigators may also wish to see if McCarrick received any communications in 2002 from O'Brien about Lee after O'Brien received Gomulka's report concerning Lee's "live-in boyfriend."

As regards making a *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* complaint is concerned, how many U.S. bishops have been disciplined for covering up abuse? What did Cardinal Christophe Pierre do when it was reported in the media that he and Pope Francis neither acknowledged nor responded to

complaints of abuse cover-ups by [Cardinal Robert McElroy](#) and [Archbishop George Lucas](#) that were documented to have been received at the Apostolic Nunciature at [10:35 p.m. on September 30, 2024](#)? The [media reported](#) how McElroy returned Father Jacob Bertrand to Ministry in 2015 after Rachel Mastrogiacomo reported in 2014 being satanically raped by Bertrand, and Lisa Roers showed how Archbishops Elden Curtiss and George Lucas covered up her satanic ritual sex abuse by [Father Dennis Hanneman](#) by never inquiring as to the identity of a second victim Roers reported to have also been abused by Hanneman. If I and others are to believe that *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* is not just an exercise in futility, then: 1) Explain why Cardinal Pierre wrote on January 23, 2024, that he was “archiving” Lisa Roers’ complaint when neither he nor Archbishop Lucas ever sought to interview the second alleged victim of Father Hanneman who was accused of inserting consecrated hosts into the vaginas of little girls; and 2) Have Archbishop Timothy Broglio provide proof that Msgr. Gomulka’s May 6, 2002 letter to then-Archbishop O’Brien discussed “[Lee’s probable homosexual orientation](#)” and not Lee’s sexual behavior with subordinates as documented in “[Cardinals Behaving Badly](#)” by Dominican Father Thomas Doyle. Unless you can satisfactorily respond to these two issues, then I can only conclude that Cardinal Pierre is himself in violation of *Vos Estis* by covering up for Cardinals O’Brien, Gregory, and McElroy, as well as Archbishops Lucas, Curtiss, and Broglio who are accused of covering up the abuse of Fathers Lee, Park, Bertrand, and Hanneman.

The above narrative shows a very well organized, historical pattern of abuse and cover-ups. Having worked for a quarter of a century in the chancery of the Archdiocese of Washington under Cardinals McCarrick, Wuerl, and Gregory, there is nothing I have written that you do not already know. Unlike Dublin [Archbishop Diarmuid Martin](#) who turned over 80,000 chancery files to the Murphy Commission showing a pattern of sex abuse cover-ups by three previous archbishops, I doubt that Cardinal McElroy will do the same with Cardinals McCarrick, Wuerl, and Gregory. I, along with all those, both civilian and military personnel, who allege having been abused by Fathers Lee, Park, Bertrand, and Hanneman, look forward to your response.

Fraternally in Christ,



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