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Mr. Patrick E. Kelly  
Knights of Columbus Supreme Council  
1 Columbus Plaza  
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Dear Supreme Knight,

What would you do if your son who was studying to become a priest told you that officials at his seminary failed to discipline an older seminarian who came into his room; closed the door; exposed himself; and wanted your son to perform oral sex on him? How would you feel if the rector dismissed your straight son for some bogus reason after filing his complaint but approved the predatory gay seminarian to be ordained? Unfortunately, this is happening today in more Catholic seminaries than you might imagine.

You, along with every U.S. Ordinary and the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, are receiving a copy of "[Addressing the Present-Day Culture of Sexual Predation and Cover-Ups in U.S. Seminaries](#)," a 248-page report which outlines findings of an 18-month independent investigation into the prevalence of sexual predation and homosexual misconduct in seminaries and its concealment by seminary and Church leaders. The findings of the report are strongly supported by a Church Militant investigation, "[Spotlight: Illinois Orgy – The Rome Connection](#)."

Having served with Marines for the greater part of my 24-year active duty career, I was inspired by how well Marines take care of their own along with Navy chaplains and corpsmen who serve with them in combat. As the co-author of the Marine Corps and Navy Core Values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment," and after having been awarded the Alfred Thayer Mahan Award like the late Tom Clancy, I regret to say that I am not at all proud of the way the Knights of Columbus leadership has failed to help former seminarian and Third Degree Knight, Anthony Gorgia, and current seminarians who, as the report clearly shows, are facing "A Clear and Present Danger."

While the U.S. bishops and the Vatican ignored the concerns expressed in former U.S. Air Force Chaplain Thomas Doyle's 1985 co-authored report, "The Problem of Sexual Molestation by Roman Catholic Clergy: Meeting the Problem in a Comprehensive and Responsible Manner," an omission which has since caused the suffering of tens of thousands of abuse victims and over \$4 billion in lawsuits, you along with U.S. and Vatican Church officials now have an opportunity to address the abuse crisis in seminaries which is detailed in the report now in your possession. Unlike Father Doyle's confidential report whose findings were not made known to the public, the report you have now been given will be sent to every major news media outlet and Knights of Columbus Council in the United States. I am confident that Catholic faithful will have a hard time taking the Knights' campaign for vocations seriously if they learn that the Knights, by their silence, are involved in covering up the ongoing victimization of seminarians.

The public nature of this report which is summarized in a short video, "[Bombshell Report Reveals Ongoing Sexual Predation Crisis in U.S. Seminaries](#)," is designed not only to educate the Catholic faithful about present-day risks to vocations, but it also furnishes them proof that their leaders were duly informed and called upon to address the Church's ongoing struggle with sexual predation, homosexual misconduct, and cover-up in seminaries.



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