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Awareness of the sins of the fathers

Court records reveal knowledge of allegations of sexual abuse in Archdiocese of Santa Fe



Jason Sigler has caused enormous pain here having had 57 allegations against him of sexual misconduct with minors. There was harm done to the victims and enormous public scandal. There were many, many lawsuits that had to be settled that cost enormous amounts of money for this Archdiocese. Since my arrival here 5 years ago, he has never come forward to apologize for what he has done nor has he even introduced himself to me.

These [allegations] did indeed take place. My approach to this matter has been one in which we are not so much concerned with what may have happened in the past, but rather are acutely alerted to what Father Perrault will do in the future. As my report indicates, we find no evidence of pathological sexual disturbances in Father Perrault, and we did advise him to seek reassignment away from his diocese in Connecticut.



We have evidence that Archbishop Robert Sanchez knew of Father Griego's sexually deviant propensities at least as early as 1976 when another incident of sexual molestation was reported to the Archbishop by a priest in Las Vegas, New Mexico. No action to restrict Father Griego's access to children such as [redacted] was taken by Archbishop Sanchez.



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Nearly 1,000 pages of Archdiocese of Santa Fe court records were released to the public on Wednesday, including letters written showing that church leaders knew of allegations of sexual abuse against three priests long before the priests left or were barred from ministry.

The records, released by order of District Judge Alan Malott, mark the largest release of Archdiocese of Santa Fe records since alleged victims of clerical sexual abuse began filing lawsuits against the archdiocese in

the early 1990s.

The records include a wide variety of documents from the archdiocese's personnel files, including letters written by three archbishops of Santa Fe, some in correspondence with bishops of other dioceses where the three priests lived and worked.

The records comprise what had been a secret history of the careers of former priests Jason Sigler and Sabine Griego, who both live today in New Mexico, and Arthur Perrault, who has fled the country.

Malott issued the order in response to a request by KOB-TV LLC, which filed in July as an intervenor in seven clerical abuse

cases for the purpose of obtaining court records.

The records were obtained in the course of lawsuits filed by Albuquerque attorney Brad Hall, who has filed more than 70 lawsuits since 2011 on behalf of alleged clerical abuse victims. Hall compiled the records to support "timelines" he uses in ongoing lawsuits against the archdiocese.

In a written response, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe said that church leaders hope that the disclosure of documents "will serve as an additional step in healing for survivors, their families, our Church, and

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About 200 people rallied outside the New Mexico Public Education Department in Santa Fe on Monday to protest the department's proposed science standards.

PED dropping some changes to science standards

Many opponents question why any revisions needed

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The state Public Education Department has agreed to eliminate the most controversial edits it made to the Next Generation Science Standards, but many opponents say those changes don't go far enough.

Education Secretary-designate Christopher Ruskowski said his department will restore a reference to the age of Earth and add the word "evolution" back into another section as a response to criticism raised by hundreds of scientists, teachers and others.

The revisions, however, appear to leave in place most of the state's proposed edits to the NGSS that the Public Education Department announced last month. And while many cheered Ruskowski's announcement Wednesday, some continued to question why the department was changing the standards at all.

PED posted its proposed science standards on its website last month to update science teaching for students from kindergarten through high school. Those standards are based on the Next Generation Science Standards issued in 2013 by a consortium of states and the National Academy of Sciences. But the PED proposal contained a number of additions, omissions and changes to the national standards.

In the Public Education Department's

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Medical pot program making changes to keep up with growth

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SANTA FE — New Mexico's booming medical marijuana program is undergoing changes that are intended to help alleviate growing pains, a state Department of Health official told lawmakers this week.

The changes that are either being considered or are already in the works include allowing patients to submit online applications — they're currently required to be submitted by mail — and the hiring of seven new

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New Mexico's Medical Cannabis Program is considering allowing online applications as enrollment skyrockets.

'COMMUNITY OF GIVING'



Anne Heche, star of "The Brave," has been impressed with the response to her appeal for Puerto Rico relief.

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WHO GUARDS THE GUARDIANS?

AG sues nonprofits, wants increased oversight

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State Attorney General Hector Balderas is weighing in for the first time on the "tragedy" involving two Albuquerque-based nonprofits accused of siphoning millions of dollars from the accounts of veterans, elderly and special needs clients.

This week, his office filed civil lawsuits seeking penalties against the two firms, and he

said Wednesday that he wants legislative approval for his agency to increase its oversight authority to protect such clients from future harm.

Balderas' office, in the two lawsuits filed this week, contends the now-defunct Ayudando Guardians and Desert State Life Management violated the reporting requirements of the New Mexico Charitable Solicitations Act for nonprofit

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