Dear Emmanuel,

As you know, our family had a conference with Bishop O'Leary over two weeks ago. Since that priest is still in his parish, it appears that no action has been taken. Am I to assume now that we were patronized?

Our family is deeply rooted in the Catholic Church, our thoughts, our parents, and parents-supvised leadership and governance for love of the Church. Our desire is to protect the dignity of the Order, even in the midst of our tears and agony over the 7 boys in our family who have been violated. We cannot undo that, but we are obligated to protect others from this abuse to the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ.

It was suggested that we keep silent to protect the boys—that is absurd since women are protected under law, and I do not wish to hear that remark again, since it is insulting to our intelligence.

I have a tremendous love and respect for your Cardinal, and regret now for not writing to...
you before, when I knew of your humility and holiness, but I am very angry with you now, and do not understand this.

While it is true that a layman in the same situation would only be cautioned for observation for a limited time — he would also be offered Parents would know then not to allow children near this type person. In this case, not only do they not know, but by virtue of his office, he gain access quite easily, which compounds our responsibility! His actions are not only distracting to the emotional well being of the children, but hit the very core of our being in our love for the church — he would not gain access to homes of fallen away Catholics.

Regardless of what he says, or the lies constructed him, I do not believe he is cured, his actions strongly suggest that he is not, and there is no guarantee that persons with these obsessions are even cured.

Truly, my heart aches for him and I pray for him, because I know this must tear him apart too, but I cannot allow my compassion for him cloud my judgement on actions for the people of God, and the Children in the Church.

My own children were never violated,
Auntie to my nephews and grandnephews who were involved; I am far enough removed to be slightly more objective. I have not told my sister or my niece that that point is still pending - I fear the consequences of telling them. I have told my brother, and he and I will take this case to the Holy Father if need be.

We did not question the Authority of the Church two years ago, but left it entirely in your hands. Now, we will not settle for this, but must insist on knowing what action is taken - where he is sent - etc. I will not allow this Temple of God to be overshadowed by a sin of commission. We, our family and all of us who look to the Authority of the Church - are the Church - and have the right to effect service from the ordained.

My two sisters and my niece never as much as received an apology from the Church, much less any offer for
Pleading for the bays - it certainly is not that the Church is so negligent.

Rather, the bishop went after a child molester once and beat him up, his cause was held up because of it — how the Church is in the Vatican, I am praying to him now to bring this cause to Jesus Christ. Rather, the bishop would not act on his young — he would act.

My heart is broken over this whole mess — and to address my Cardinal in this manner has taken its toll on me too. May Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit have mercy on all of us.

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