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In November, 2002, a silent, Ignatian retreat was held in Phoenix at the Mt. Claret Center, directed by Fr. McGuire. Not having a traveling companion accompanying him, usually a teenage boy, Fr. McGuire asked if my son, [REDACTED] (then 15 years old) could be available throughout the retreat to assist him, even sleeping in his room. Having no prior knowledge of any previous sexual improprieties or accusations in Fr. McGuire's past, and believing in Fr. McGuire's implicit "spiritual Father figure", as well as his often boasted Priestly vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, I now, regretfully allowed my son [REDACTED] to stay with him and assist as needed. At the time, I was also unaware his Jesuit superiors forbade him from having young persons, like [REDACTED], working with him in such close proximity. I felt assisting Father would be good experience for [REDACTED]. It would give him a glimpse of the Priesthood, if by chance he would choose this direction for his own life.

In July, 2003, [REDACTED] was asked again by Fr. McGuire to "assist" him at yet another retreat, this time 8 days, near Payson, AZ. Along with "John Doe 116" (whose identity we are well aware of - a copy of his complaint attached) and another young man (initials: [REDACTED]), he did. I was one of the retreatants on both occasions. Shortly after the 8 day retreat we became painfully aware of the above mentioned case in Your Honors Court. Like most, if not all of the recipients of Fr. McGuire's spiritual direction we were sure of his innocence. We were told by Fr. McGuire, the two plaintiffs must have some vendetta against him, and they were likely in it for the Jesuit's money. He assured us he would be exonerated and the plaintiffs would be made to look foolish. He also assured us his Priestly faculties would be restored and he would soon be directing retreats again. Many rallied around him, in complete support. Many, from various parts of the country even attended the trial, still believing in his innocence. Even after the verdict, we were assured his conviction would be overturned in the Appellate Court. I am no longer convinced of this. In fact, just the opposite, I'm now convinced of his guilt, not only in this case, but others that will surely follow. His grounds for appeal are lame, at best.

What I don't understand, at this point is how a person commits at least five felonious crimes as early as 1969, is convicted of them 37 years later, and has still has not begun to serve his imposed prison sentence. He's violated his terms and conditions on three known occasions in seven months and is still able to roam free. Aren't his victims (Victor Bender and John Doe84) at least entitled to some closure in this case?

On September 8, 2007, my oldest son [REDACTED], who now lives in northern California, was visiting in our Phoenix home. I told him of another sexual accusation made against Fr. McGuire, this time by "John Doe 116" (real name mentioned). We have known "John Doe 116" his whole life and his mother's family for 35 years. [REDACTED] immediate response was "It doesn't surprise me." I asked, "Why, because it's "John Doe 116?" NO! he said. "It's because of what Fr. McGuire did to me". Shocked, by this response I asked; what are you talking about? He went on to tell me, how he, too

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was molested by Fr. McGuire. The first time was at about age ten, or earlier. He also told me how he has been trying, unsuccessfully, through years of lonely, silent depression and shame to mentally bury the incidents. Horrified, I asked for details. He only gave me snippets, I believe, to keep me from going ballistic. Over the past few weeks he's confided in me more details, as his comfort level allows.

Further horrified, I asked his opinion regarding our other son, [REDACTED]'s possible molestation. He didn't know. But, based on his own experiences, he believed there was a high probability that [REDACTED], too, could have easily been molested by Fr. McGuire as well. During the time frame of the two mentioned retreats, [REDACTED] was living in San Diego, California serving in the U.S. Marine Corps., stationed at Camp Pendleton. He didn't know of [REDACTED]'s involvement with Fr. McGuire at the retreats until now. [REDACTED] believed this was ample opportunity for Fr. McGuire to molest [REDACTED]. It has since been revealed that, indeed, [REDACTED] was also molested by Fr. McGuire on multiple occasions. I cannot describe the intense grief and depression [REDACTED] and I, as mother and father of our two wonderful sons, are now suffering. This has also placed undue strain on our almost 30 years of marriage.

Adding even more despicability to these crimes is how our family and hundreds more he ministered to are now scandalized. The name (Blessed) Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the thousands of Missionaries of Charity nuns as well as the Holy Roman Catholic Church may for generations be tainted. It seems that in his arrogance and pomposity he believes that he is a semi-celebrity individual that is not only above the civil laws, but above God's laws as well. But most disturbing is the mockery he's made of the Sacraments of Holy Orders (Priesthood) and Penance (Confession). His imposed, deplorable, homosexual (pedophilic) actions originated in the confessional. He successfully manipulated the hearts, minds, and bodies of our once innocent sons for his own evil purposes. One of Fr. McGuire's "trademark" statements in all retreats was "*Come to me with a problem and I'll send you away with a larger one*". How true, but not the way he implied it. We are certainly now dealing with much larger problems.

On July 18, 2006, prior to his sentencing I hand delivered a letter to this court defending the innocence of Donald J. McGuire, S.J. I now recant any and all favorable remarks I wrote of him. It's my firm hope that this Court in its wisdom will recognize this deviant for what he is, acknowledge the danger Fr. McGuire has been and still poses to society at large, revoke his probation, and incarcerate him. His advanced age of 77 and his long list of purported maladies should not even be considered a mitigating factor. At least until age 73 he was still performing these unspeakable, unrepentant acts on his victim(s). If he feels it's necessary to pursue this frivolous appeal let it be done from the prison law library. Very soon, my sons, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], will file formal complaints against Fr. McGuire with the Maricopa County (Arizona) Attorney's Office for the criminal actions forced upon them by this hypocrite.

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I plan to attend the Post Conviction Relief Hearing in this Court on November 1, 2007. I am willing to testify or answer any other pertinent questions this Honorable Court may have.

Thank you in advance, for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Yours Truly,

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