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Dear Sirs:

I am completing a book on sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

In reviewing the personnel files of the archdiocese of Boston, I discovered that an abuser, Father Real Bourque, OMI, also known as Ray Bourque, was working at EWTN at least from 1995 to 1999. Moreover, the files indicated that the local bishop and EWTN were both aware of his history of abuse.

He admitted abusing boys both in Maine and boys at the lay community associated with the Oblates in Natick, Massachusetts. One victim said he thought that Bourque had abused numerous boys at the community in Massachusetts.

Bourque is not the only abuser associated with EWTN. Anthony Cipolla also was prominent at EWTN.

Before I write about EWTN's employment of abusive priests, would you like to explain how and why EWTN employed a known abuser, Real Bourque?

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Sincerely yours,

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