



MISSIONARIES OF SAINT CHARLES • SCALABRINIANS

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Sister Rita V. McCarthy, CSJ
Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135-3193

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RE:

Dear Sister Rita,

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Father Vincent Monaco, Pastor of St Anthony's Parish in Somerville, gave me a copy of the report which deals with the presumed incidents of sexual abuse by two priests of St. Anthony's Parish in Somerville. stated to you that "as far as he can recall this happened over a period of one year, off and on, during the time frame of 1967 to 1969". He was nine or ten years old at the time. He also stated that the older priest used "to take him to his room, undress him and perform oral sex" and that the younger priest used to take him, on Saturdays, into a room with photo equipment and take pictures of him naked.

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I was ordained a priest on June 10, 1967, and arrived at St. Anthony's parish in August of the same year. I remained in the parish until 1972. According to , I was the younger priest who used to photograph him naked in a room where photographic equipment was kept. I can state categorically and without hesitation that such an accusation is completely false and unreal. I have never known of a room with photographic equipment in the parish; I have never been interested in photography, especially of naked boys; more so, I am not a pedophile, attracted to young boys, adolescents, or teenagers; I am a normal heterosexual man. Furthermore, to say that both the younger and the older priests were conspiring against him at the same period of time "one year, off and on" indicates the attempt of an individual to undermine the integrity of the two priests of the parish in order to reach his hidden goals.

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I cannot speak for the older priest, who is retired and for whom I have a great admiration. But the blatant lie about my person makes me believe that : also lying about the older priest, Father John. He is just trying to extort money from the Church by accusing innocent people of a crime they never committed. This accusation is an absurdity and it is ironic that I should be accused of one of the crimes I detest the most as a human being, as a Christian and a priest.

Because I am certain of my innocence, I refuse to allow my religious community to pay the bills for the counseling that he has been mandated by the State to receive. I will not allow

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extortion or blackmail to take place.

should reconsider his accusations in order to clear the names of the two priests involved as soon as possible. Hopefully this issue can be resolved quickly and amicably.

Please, forward this information to the
concerned with this case.

and other people

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Joseph Fugolo, C.S.
Rev. Joseph Fugolo, C.S.

cc Rev. Vincent Monaco, cs