

**USA Parish Pastor
writes to the
Association of United States Catholic Priests
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*[identities edited to protect anonymity of priest author]
{ \$1,000 donation enclosed }*

Dear Brothers,

As an expression of gratitude for the wonderful work you are doing, please accept my humble donation to support you in your work on behalf of us priests.

I have just finished reading your report, "Moving Toward Restoring Justice for Priests" and it sadly reinforces my current experience with three of my brother priests.

- The oldest priest is almost 60 years in ministry and *([age edited out] over 85 years old)*. He was notified three to five years ago that there were allegations against him. Many times, he has asked for the status of the investigation. As of yet he is left talking to the Holy Spirit.
- The second priest was accused five to seven years ago and has testified on numerous occasions. Hopefully the process will end before he dies.
- The third priest was suspended and when he got a canon lawyer, all of a sudden, he was unsuspended. However, he lives in limbo for the last two years.
- The last priest I have dealt with had been accused by a woman with bi-polar disorder and his case has been left open for five years. Even though I have investigated and presented collaborating evidence of the sickness and the evil intentions of the accuser, the Diocese has kept open the case.

When my retired bishop, (name deleted), was accused twice of sexual abuse, he continued in his service as our Bishop with no restrictions placed on him. The Papal Commission, Vos estis lux mundi, investigated the complaints and after an extended period of time, exonerated our Bishop. However, a few weeks later, the unnamed bishop read in the newspaper that the Archdiocese of (edited—major USA Archdiocese) with the permission of (edited-out bishop's name) gave each complainant \$500,000. As the lawyer for the complainant said, this was proof of corruption in the Church.

I mention these little details in case you are not aware of the solidarity that exists among our brother bishops. I pray for the success of your work, and I pray that you do not become cynical but men of hope. God bless.

[Signed by author]

P.S. I wrote to *(bishop's name edited out)* to manifest the pain that we in the Diocese of *(name edited out)* experienced because of his lack of respect and solidarity with the work that the Church has been doing to protect both the children and her innocent priests and bishops.