

***** Media Advisory *****

Former Erie, PA (USA) Priest-Whistleblower to Be in Rome for Meeting of World Bishops with Pope Francis.

James Faluszczyk, himself a victim of abuse by a priest, and still feeling called to the priesthood, left active ministry because the Church ignored his claims.



BUFFALO, NY. Saturday, February 16, 2019 – In my sworn testimony before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury, I provided the names of 117 individuals who were either directly involved in the sexual abuse of children or vulnerable adults, provided cover for such activities, or could speak to such as witnesses.

I will be in Rome during Pope Francis' meeting with the Council of Cardinal Advisers (2/18-20) and the Presidents of the world's Bishops Conferences (2/21-24) to stand in solidarity with victims and their advocates. I intend to be on hand to respond to events and revelations as they unfold, and to share more of my public testimony.

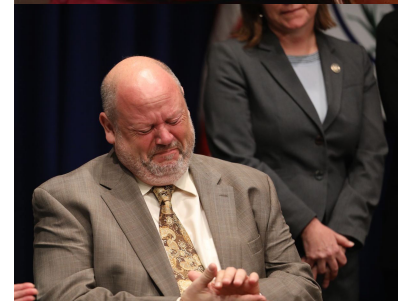
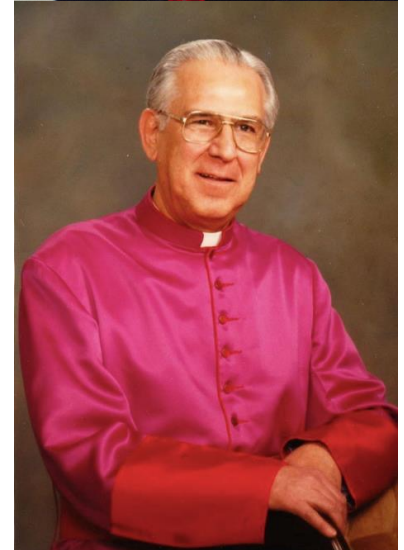
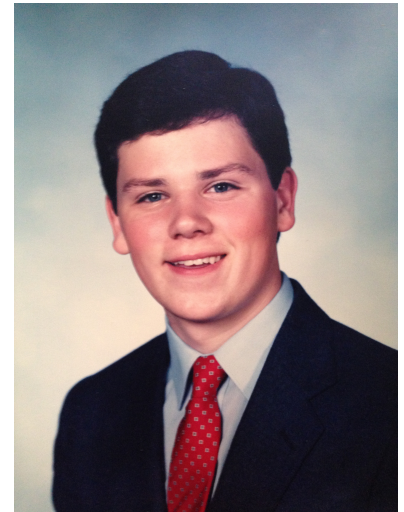
I will carry with me the images and stories of victims who have suffered the tragedy of clergy sex abuse and its coverup by bishops.

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WHEN: Monday, February 18 - Tuesday February 26, 2019. 9 Days.

WHERE: Accessible to Vatican City, Extraterritorial Properties, Patriarchal Basilicas, The Lateran, and sites within a day's distance of Rome.

WHAT: Press Releases will be made available related to:



- ❖ What I knew as a rank and file priest
- ❖ My Grand Jury testimony
- ❖ Seminaries as breeding grounds for this behavior
- ❖ Presenting "Francis the Reformer"
- ❖ Data on heads of Bishops Conferences

Links to podcast, documents, photos, and affidavits forthcoming at:

www.faluszczak.com

LINKS TO HISTORIC COVERAGE:

WBEN Buffalo (NY, USA)

Continued calls for Diocese of Buffalo to name clergy. March 18, 2018

DuBois (PA, USA) Courier-Express

Ex-priest names former ECC headmaster as alleged abuser. March 25, 2018

DuBois (PA) Tri-County Sunday

Local priests, lay person on Erie Diocese 'credibly accused' list. April 8, 2018

WIVB News 4 Buffalo (NY)

Clergy sex abuse victim: "I am angry with God". April 18, 2018.

CBC Radio

Ex-priest who was called 'lucky' to have 'only' been abused 15 times reacts to Pope's letter. August 20, 2018

NPR/ Fresh Air WHYY Philadelphia

Former priest with insider view among the 1,000 victims in Pa. clergy abuse report. August 20, 2018

Pittsburgh (PA) Post-Gazette Interactive

A Catholic crisis: A visual narrative of the grand jury report. August 21, 2018

Arté TV/Agence Keep in News

Scandale de pédophile: Quelles sanctions? August 23, 2018

TV Chile T13 Reportajes

Las víctimas de Pensilvania. September 2, 2018

GoErie/Erie (PA) Times News

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro meets with abuse victims, survivor advocates in Erie. October 6, 2018

ABC WKBW Channel 7 - Buffalo (NY) - Charlie Specht

Buffalo Diocese seminary blamed for sexual culture among priests. October 18, 2018

Spectrum News Buffalo

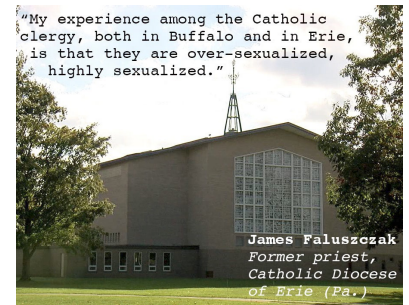
Abuse Survivor Calling for Permanent Removal of Father Gatto from Seminary. October 19, 2018

CBS KDKA Pittsburgh

Group Calls On Cardinal Daniel DiNardo: 'Come Clean 100 Percent'. December 4, 2018

CNN -- My comments re: ruling holding up the healing of victims.

Court sides with 11 priests in Pennsylvania abuse report and won't release their names. December 5, 2018



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