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# Former Erie, PA (USA) Priest-Whistleblower to Be In Baltimore for the Meeting of US Bishops This Week.

James Faluszczak, himself a victim of abuse by a priest, and still feeling called to the priesthood, left active ministry because the Church ignored his claims. He testified before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury as it investigated six dioceses in Pennsylvania.

BUFFALO, NY. Sunday, June 9, 2019 – In his sworn testimony before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury, Faluszczak 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.

As the US Bishops meet in Baltimore this week they have, up to this point, ignored the following:

- 1.) In the present moment, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, formerly a protege of Cardinal Donald Wuerl in Pittsburgh, prevaricates about a high-ranking diocesan official he transferred to a neighboring diocese. If the US bishops this week vote in favor of the "Metropolitan Option", it would be the Bishop of Beaumont TX, where DiNardo sent Msgr. Frank Rossi, that would investigate DiNardo. DiNardo even still serving at this point, should be on a leave of absence during the investigation.
- 2.) Archbishop Lori of Baltimore considers himself above the law in not providing his material investigations to authorities, citing the protocols of Pontifical Secret. He took honoraria from the bishop he is investigating and hid it from public view. This hierarch is still ministering, let alone investigating a fellow bishop and benefactor, even as he faces scrutiny for mismanagement and obfuscation.
- 3.) Cardinal Justin Rigali, formerly of St. Louis and Philadelphia, contravened the protocols of the Dallas Charter when he investigated Bishop Michael Bransfield (USCCB/Wheeling-Charleston) for an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor, but did so without his child protection review board. Rigali still serves publicly.
- 4.) Cardinal Donald Wuerl has prevaricated about his involvement with the coverup of Former-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. He knew, did nothing, and continues to minister publicly despite being named in the PA Grand Jury Report.
- 5.) Bishop Donald Trautman, retired of Erie, PA, "timed out" criminal and civil abuse claims by intentionally delaying investigations and communication to law enforcement in the Diocese of Erie, but is still able to minister publicly.
- 6.) Bishop Richard Malone of Buffalo, a protege of Cardinal Law in Boston, has subverted the statutes of the Dallas Charter in recent months, even as his mentor



had to resign over these same matters 17 years ago. That Malone is still in office suggests there is no "ecclesiastical will" to apply zero-tolerance sanctions.

This is what zero-tolerance looks like under Pope Francis and his ambassador Archbishop Christophe Pierre. The US bishops were prevented from voting on sanctions at their last meeting, and now they are about to vote behind closed doors to investigate themselves, which is nothing different from their prior practice.

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WHEN: Monday, June 10 - Friday, June 14, 2019. 5 Days.

WHERE: I will be demonstrating on the public sidewalk across the street from the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront 700 Aliceanna St, Baltimore, MD 21202; Media availability also by appointment and through social media; I will be staying in close proximity to this site and will be easily available.

WHAT: Press Releases will be made available related to:

- Publicly available information on the above allegations
- My response to the daily initiatives of the USCCB in Baltimore

## LINKS TO HISTORIC COVERAGE:

## DuBois (PA, USA) Courier-Express

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

## Arté TV/Agence Keep in News

Scandale de pédophile: Quelles sanctions? August 23, 2018.

## GoErie/Erie (PA) Times News

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

## CBS KDKA Pittsburgh

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

## Nederlands Dagblad

Look What the Bishops Have Done to All of Us. February 23, 2019.

#### **Euro News**

Good Morning Europe. February 23, 2019.

## SBS News Australia

George Pell: From Vatican Third in Command to Chile Sex Charges. February 26, 2009.

