

James Faluszczyk's Media Archive

A partial and developing chronological archive of annotated media related to my experience, work, and advocacy. Dates in bold denote my public quotation or involvement. All other entries denote related media, news context, or timeline entries.

1942

Martin, D. (1942, April). Philosophers of past are indicted by seminarian. Lake Shore Visitor Register, 8.

One month before his ordination to the priesthood, seminarian Daniel J. Martin "pens a strong indictment against the philosophers of the past age", taking aim at pragmatism and utilitarianism, and "modern philosophy" which he claims are driving World War II. Archived.

1944

Universal Studios. (1944, May 3). Going My Way. Amazon Prime Video. https://www.amazon.com/gp/video/detail/B000N6KC72/ref=atv_dp_share_cu_r

Leo McCarey, Director; Leo McCarey & Buddy G. DeSylva, Producers; Starring Bing Crosby & Barry Fitzgerald. (2:06:00) video.

1945

Martin, D. (1945, June 29). Going my way: A weekly life-lift from Father Daniel J. Martin of Sacred Heart Parish. Lake Shore Visitor Register, 3.

"..we should, above all, declare war on, as one priest so aptly put it, "Dame Rumor, that hollow-eyed hag of hatred." This, plus a few exercises in practical charity, would work wonders." Archived.

Martin, D. (1945b, November 23). Going my way: A weekly life-lift from Father Daniel J. Martin of the Cathedral Prep. Lake Shore Visitor Register, 10.

"The time when Prep will be a door-mat for the rest of the Erie schools is rapidly running out." "Yes, the Prep boy typifies what every Catholic parent wants in a child. He is a good boy, a bright boy, a real boy, a Catholic boy." Archived.

1949

Franklin, W. L. (Ed.). (1949, April 22). Father Martin, Chief of Muses. Lake Shore Visitor Register, 9.

Overseeing an all-male cast, Fr. Daniel J. Martin begins "full-scale dramatics" at Cathedral Preparatory School for Boys in Erie Pennsylvania. Archived.

1960

Franklin, W. L. (Ed.). (1960, July 8). Counsel Notre Dame campers. Lake Shore Visitor, 13.

"Getting ready for their first group of boys who arrived at camp last week were Camp Notre Dame counselors above [in photo]. The diocesan camp opened this year for the first time on the W.J. Phillips estate at R.D. 1, Lake City. From left are Ray Rosswog, Tom Schneider, Chuck Miller, Dick Mayer, Andy Pawlaczyk, Bob Murray, Fred Lukehart, Jim Karle, Jan Wirtner, Jim Fahey, Larry Speice, Tom Fialkowski, Cyril Winter, co-director; and Dick Murray, director.--(Erie Morning News photo)" Photo, archived.

1963

Elk County Christian High School. (1963). Memories (Vol. 1) [Yearbook].

Builder of Elk County Christian High School and its first Headmaster, Fr. Daniel J. Martin is featured as a "True Molder of Our Destiny". Multiple photos are archived from this and subsequent volumes.

1964

Caldwell, E.J. (Ed.). (1964, April 24). [Reverend Father] Craig. Lake Shore Visitor, 9.

A native of St. Ann Church & School in Erie Pennsylvania, attending Fr. Robert Craig's May 10th first Mass are Fr. Louis Lorei (Sponsor), Fr. Daniel J. Martin (Archpriest), Fr. Lawrence Speice (Deacon), Fr. August Coccarelli (Subdeacon), Fr. Donald Cooper (Master of Ceremonies), and Fr. Joseph Reszkowski (Preacher). Archived.

1970

Caldwell, E. J. (Ed.). (1970, July 10). First Mass. Lake Shore Visitor, 9.

Fr. Lawrence E. Brandt ordained for the Diocese of Rapid City. Archived.

1974

Caldwell, E.J. (Ed.). (1974, January 4). Oil City parish satisfied group. Lake Shore Visitor, 9.

"A survey of those who contribute regularly through envelopes to the support of St. Joseph's parish has resulted in a resounding vote of confidence for the pastor, the Rev. Daniel Martin, for his assistant, the Rev. Henry Kriegel, and for the two resident priests, Fathers Rarick and Rosenhamer." "The pastor is a stuff-shirt and the assistant is immature...but I guess there's some good in each of them." Archived.

1977

Whitman, R. (Advertising Manager). (1977, September 23). Fr. Luke Zimmer, SSCC. Lake Shore Visitor, 3.

Ad. "The founder of the Apostolate of Christian Renewal will conduct a Renewal Week in St. Joseph's Parish, Sharon Oct. 3-Oct. 7, 1977 and at St. Michaels Greenville Oct. 10-14th, 1977. Fr. Luke Zimmer was repeatedly in the Diocese of Erie, and was eventually brought into St. George Parish in Erie for a Charismatic Renewal. He blessed people with a relic of the True Cross and they were Slain in the Spirit. A woman alleged Zimmer abused her at one of these renewals in 1979-80 in Wisconsin. Archived.

1978

Kriegel, H. (1978, April). Erie enjoying large seminary enrollment. Columbia, the National Magazine of the Knights of Columbus.

In one article projecting healthy seminary life as a reason for robust vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Erie, Kriegel includes Frs. Salvatore Luzzi and Lawrence Speice who conspired in the coverup of child molestation by Michael Amy with the Pennsylvania State Police, as well as Frs. Michael Barletta, Tom Smith, David Dobrowolski, and Jan Olowin are all accused in the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report; every priest featured in Kriegel's article except Fr. Pat Gibbons who voluntarily left ministry after assignment with both Frs. Daniel Martin and Speice. Kriegel: "Father Lawrence Speice manages the camp [Notre Dame] on almost a full-time basis. His presence and the daily visits of a number of diocesan priests and seminarians give the camp a special atmosphere." Reproduced in the June 2, 1978 Lake Shore Visitor by its editor, the article's author. Archived.

1980

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1980, February 29). Father Francis Carrick dies. Lake Shore Visitor, 1.

"When he could not convince the community of the need for such a pool, he constructed one in the side yard of the rectory which was then made available for use by parishioners and youth of the area." "One of the greatest joys of his tenure in Girard was his sponsorship and the eventual ordination of Monsignor Lawrence Brandt, Ph.D., an Erie diocesan priest who serves in the Vatican Secretariat of State." Photo, archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1980b, August 29). First Friday Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart. Lake Shore Visitor, 7.

Notice to subscribers in 13 counties in the northwest corner of Pennsylvania, over which Martin had much sway, of this monthly late evening Mass and all night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This practice would endure through the tenures of several abuser Pastors of St. George named in the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, but mostly through the commitment and advocacy of Msgr. Ted Carter, who was Senior Associate for many years after the early retirement of Martin. Archived.

1981

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1981, October 30). Psychospiritual center for priests, sisters to open in Erie. Lake Shore Visitor, 6.

Published by Diocese of Erie Bishop Alfred M. Watson, this story details the foundation of the Ecclesia Center by the Diocese of Erie within St. Mark Seminary. Ecclesia Center for treatment of mental and spiritual issues for priests and religious, became a residential treatment center serving multiple dioceses and communities under the auspices of the Diocese of Erie. Founders include psychologist Dr. William Kowalski and Frs. Robert Murray, Jan Olowin, and Chuck Schmitt, the later two accused of abuse of minors, and the first two having treated abuser priests. Archived.

1982

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1982, May 7). Father Chris Michael Hamlett. Lake Shore Visitor, 1.

A native of St. George Church & School in Erie Pennsylvania, and graduate of McDowell High School, Fr. Chris Hamlett selects Fr. Daniel J. Martin as his ordination sponsor and Fr. Walter Packard as homilist at his first mass. Concelebrants included Frs. A. Joseph Book, Donald Cooper, John Barwin, Greg Kirsch, Richard McGuire, Andrew Karim David Maciukiewicz, James McCullough, John Schanz, Stephen Minkiel and Vincent McMurry, a Sulpician faculty member of St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore and advisor to many Erie priests. Archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1982b, November 26). Holy Cross Parish, Fairview, will install its new pastor, Father Daniel J. Dymski. Lake Shore Visitor, 6.

A co-offender from their days teaching together at Elk County Christian High School in St. Marys Pennsylvania, Fr. Daniel J. Martin is the homilist as Dean of the Erie West Deanery and installed by Fr. Casimir Bogniak, Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Vicariate. Archived.

1983

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1983, January 7). Ecclesia Center: A psychospiritual resource for sisters, brothers and priests. Lake Shore Visitor, 5.

Advertisement for the Diocese of Erie-based Ecclesia Center and "psychospiritual" programming by Kathleen Siepel Kowalski and Rev. Jerry Simmons. "Psychological consultations continuously available--call for appointment. Spiritual direction continuously available--call for appointment. Limited sleeping quarters available for out of town individuals--reservations required." Archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1983b, January 21). The pastors of two Erie West deanery parishes Fr. Daniel J. Martin of St. George's and Fr. J. Daniel Dymski of Holy Cross in Fairview. Lake Shore Visitor, 6.

Frs. Martin and Dymski, collaborators since their days abusing children in Elk County Pennsylvania, present checks in the meeting room of St. George Rectory to Sr. Marilyn Zimmerman SSJ, Sr. Augusta Hammel OSB, Sr. Mary Miller SSJ, and Ms. Cheryl Hilinski in support of the ministries they administer. Archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1983c, February 4). Fr. Daniel J. Martin, John Green and Herbert Heidt in St. George Rectory. Lake Shore Visitor, 15.

Architect Herbert Heidt is recognized by Martin and Green for his work on recent designs of the St. George church campus. Less than five year after this photo was taken, and by then former

Parish Council President John Green would famously say in a listening session that "the school isn't part of his spiritual journey". Photo, archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1983d, July 8). Father Patrick Dunlap. Lake Shore Visitor, 6.

"...associate pastor of St. George's Parish, Erie, is recognizing the dangers of attempting extensive exercise. The priest broke his arm in three places when he and the bicycle he was riding collided with a curb last week." Archived.

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1983e, November 25). Fr. Henry Krebs is homilist at the 40th Anniversary Mass of Fr. Daniel J. Martin. Lake Shore Visitor, 6.

Two sentences in the Lake Shore Visitor announce that the Mass happened on November 20th. Archived.

1984

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1984, April 27). Diocesan parishes play vital role in formation of new priests. Lake Shore Visitor, 9.

Frs. Robert Brugger and Tom Suppa travel to Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora NY with Chris Strackhouse, Sr. Kathryn Preston RSM, and Sr. Mariam Halligan RSM for Continuum Team training for future priest Paul Siebert. Photo, archived.

1985

Kriegel, H. (Ed.). (1985, March 29). Diocese gets new priest. Lake Shore Visitor, 1.

Meadville native known to priests of the Diocese of Erie for many years prior to his incardination, Fr. Gary Ketcham attended St. Mark Seminary in Erie from 1967-73 before entering the Franciscan Order in St. Bonaventure NY. Photo wearing Franciscan cowl, archived.

1993

Loncki, G. (Ed.). (1993, April 30). 50th Anniversary tribute to Msgr. Daniel J. Martin. Lake Shore Visitor, 25.

Published by Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman: "He must have been everywhere and done everything" in the Diocese of Erie. Thorough assignment history. Multiple quotes from Mary Jane Martin. Reference to Georgian Jottings retirement tribute. Archived.

1995

Trautman, D. (1995, May 20). Sermon given on the diaconate ordination of James Faluszczyk. Ordination to the Diaconate, DuBois, Pennsylvania.

"...this day you will surrender much: You will promise celibacy and obedience and service. You will give up much, but you will gain more." Archived.

Unknown Photographer. (1995, **December 24**). Deacon James Faluszczyk preaches his first Christmas homily [Photo].

Preaching to the children of St. Catherine of Siena parish on Christmas Eve, with Presider Fr. Edward Walk and Facilitator of Religious Education, Patricia C. McAllister acting like a child. Photo, archived.

1996

Martin, R. (1996, April 26). Ordination to the Priesthood of Patrick Damond, James Faluszczyk, and Barry Hudock at St. Peter Cathedral, Erie Pennsylvania [Video]. YouTube.

Martin, R. (1996b, April 28). First Mass of James Faluszczyk at St. George Church Erie Pennsylvania [Video]. YouTube.

1999

Loncki, G. (Ed.). (1999, April 16). Ferrick ordination preview. Lake Shore Visitor, 1.
Published by Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman, reporting that Frs. Daniel J. Martin and diocesan Personnel Director Michael Gaines will be ordination sponsors for Deacon Michael Ferrick. Archived.

Loncki, G. (Ed.). (1999b, May 7). Father Ferrick answers "question" with priesthood. Lake Shore Visitor, 13.
Published by Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman, Fr. Michael Ferrick of Erie Pennsylvania answers Msgr. Daniel J. Martin's question. Archived.

2002

Pinkus, S. (2002, October 21). Poll analysis: Priests satisfied with their lives. Los Angeles Times. <https://www.latimes.com/la-timespollpriests-471pa2an-story.html>.

Bishop Trautman prohibited Erie priests from taking this poll or speaking with Susan Pinkus. We spoke twice on background about the poll and clerical antipathy to acknowledging the roots of child sex abuse by confreres. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/susanpinkus/>.

2003

Loncki, G. (2003, May 9). Msgr. Martin marks 60th year as a priest. Lake Shore Visitor, 40.

Published by Diocese of Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman, this basic biography of Daniel J. Martin on his 60th anniversary as a priest, apparently using only his assignment history. Archived.

2004

Beal, J. (2004). It shall not be so among you! Crisis in the church, crisis in church law. In Governance accountability, and the future of the Catholic Church (pp. 88–102). The Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc.

"The sexual abuse crisis has exposed numerous inadequacies in canon law which, while significant in themselves, are symptomatic of a more serious, underlying dysfunction. It has often been noted that the first casualty of war is the truth, but the truth has been an early and frequent casualty of the sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church as well. Even today, nearly two years into the most recent phase of the crisis, accurate statistics on the number of priests who have abused young people and the number of victims are not available. Worse than the dearth of reliable data to serve as a basis for assessing the causes of the current crisis and formulating plans for remedial action is the fact that, time and again, diocesan bishops and other church leaders have enshrouded the truth about sexual abuse by priests in the fog of silence, half truths, and, not occasionally, lies." Beal lived with Fr. Daniel Martin at St. George Church summers while he was completing his doctorate at Catholic University of America, and while James Faluszczak worked as a student secretary in the rectory and was his altar boy.

2005

Van Biema, D. (2005, April 24). The turning point. TIME.com. <https://content.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1053658,00.html>

A theological biography of Joseph Ratzinger, with colleague Hans Kung as a counterpoint. Archived.

Guccione, J., & Smith, D. (2005, October 13). Study reveals vast scope of priest abuse. Los Angeles Times. <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2005-oct-13-me-priestdata13-story.html>. Archived.

2010

Trautman, D. & Diocese of Erie. (2010). Recording of Fr. David L. Poulson: Confession of sexual attraction to children [Audio].

Curated by Bishop Lawrence Persico since 2012, this taped confession of Fr. David Poulson re: sexual arousal for young boys has not been made public by the Diocese of Erie. A

subsequent memo was generated by Bishop Donald W. Trautman memorializing his concerns but never making law enforcement aware. The recording reportedly surfaced (2017/2018) with investigations of Poulson, but only became public with a Presentment of the 40th Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury in 2018.

2012

Meyer, K. (2012, September 14). Bishop Trautman's Homily [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmCMA55DfM8>

Erie Bishop Donald W. Trautman extolls Fr. Daniel J. Martin in his homily for the 50th anniversary of Elk County Catholic High School, knowing the bleak history endured by the first classes of the school, and after I told him what Martin did to me. https://youtu.be/X_iXA_AoYew. Video by Kathy Meyer for Fr. Michael Ferrick. (12:51), archived.

2013

Faluszczak, J. (2013, October 31). Denise Geitner Objective Concerns. Elk County Catholic School System.

An investigative report on Denise Geitner submitted to Bishop Lawrence Persico of the Diocese of Erie at his behest, this document became sworn content examined before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury. Ensuing responses by Bishop Persico, Fr. Nicholas Rouch (DoE Vicar for Education), Anne-Marie Welsh (Diocesan Director of Communications), and Mary Agnes Marshall (President, St. Marys Catholic School System) are archived. This report was entered as an exhibit before the Grand Jury, and led to the raid on diocesan offices after the diocese failed to comply with an earlier subpoena and withheld the document from the Grand Jury.

2014

Solberg, M. (Ed.). (2014, September 14). Clergy Appointments. Faith Life: Bi-weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Erie. <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/news/pdf/FL91414.pdf>

Diocese of Erie Bishop Persico's announcement of James Faluszczak's chosen leave of absence. Archived.

2016

Migdail-Smith, L. (2016, July 11). Insurance industry donations to influential state senator raise eyebrows among activists. Reading Eagle. <https://www.readingeagle.com/2016/07/11/insurance-industry-donations-to-influential-state-senator-raise-eyebrows-among-activists/>

"Last month, an influential state senator led a push to block the most controversial part of a bill overhauling child sex abuse laws. On a single day in May, his campaign took in a combined \$29,000 from an industry that opposed the measure." Archived.

Cassi, S. (2016, September 16). Allentown Diocese part of Pa. grand jury probe into child sex abuse. Lehigh Valley Live. https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2016/09/allentown_harrisburg_catholic.html

"Rozzi, of Muhlenberg Township in Berks County, confirmed he testified last month before the grand jury convened in Pittsburgh. Rozzi has previously revealed he was abused by an Allentown Diocese priest in 1984 when he was 13." Archived.

Esack, S. (2016, September 17). Six of state's eight Catholic dioceses under investigation. Allentown Morning Call. <https://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-allentown-catholic-dioceses-priest-grand-jury-20160916-story.html>

"State prosecutors have been taking testimony in Pittsburgh for months in a wide-ranging investigation that started with a scathing March report detailing allegations of abuse by about 50 priests and other religious leaders in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese and a cover-up by church officials." Story removed, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20160918140833/https://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-allentown-catholic-dioceses-priest-grand-jury-20160916-story.html>

Welsh, A. (Ed.). (2016, October 2). Grand jury subpoenas Erie and five other PA dioceses. Faith Life, 1.

Erie and five other Pennsylvania Catholic dioceses—Allentown, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Scranton—were subpoenaed Sept. 1 as part of the grand jury probe into the sexual abuse of children and the handling of those cases by church hierarchy. The subpoena sweep was an extension of the grand jury investigation last year involving the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and a Hollidaysburg-based order of Franciscans. The diocese has a zero-tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees and volunteers who engage in misconduct with children. All reports of credible allegations of sexual abuse are sent to the district attorney. At a 2002 news conference in Erie with Bishop Donald Trautman, then-Erie County District Attorney Brad Foulk said he was satisfied that the Diocese of Erie had provided all files on alleged sexual abuse in the diocese, dating back 40 years. “It is my understanding that disclosure has been complete,” Foulk said at the time. “It is my understanding that the search of the records has been exhaustive as it could possibly be. I believe we asked the right questions. I believe the bishop [Trautman] supplied us with the answers to our questions.” Archived. <https://www.eriescd.org/images/sections/news/pdf/FL1022016.pdf>

40th Pennsylvania Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. (2016, October 7). James Faluszczyk subpoena, redacted. faluszczyk.com. <https://faluszczyk.com/govtinvestigations/pa40gj/20-MyRedactedSubpoena.jpg>
Archived.

Massing, D. (2016, November 7). Search warrant served on Catholic Diocese of Erie. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20161107/search-warrant-served-on-catholic-diocese-of-erie?fbclid=IwAR1tWj-w7L8UIT_xxW4s3vJqIlgQ0k2jj3JpcU8x2-KPEJMQF7ubQkFwuCYA

Agents of the Pennsylvania Attorney General raided the offices of the Diocese of Erie with a search warrant following my grand jury testimony on October 18, and following the prior GJ subpoena, removing two van loads of evidence. Photos, written story, archived. Story removed from Erie Times News website: https://www.goerie.com/news/20161107/search-warrant-served-on-catholic-diocese-of-erie?fbclid=IwAR1tWj-w7L8UIT_xxW4s3vJqIlgQ0k2jj3JpcU8x2-KPEJMQF7ubQkFwuCYA.

(Late 2016) Bishop Persico begins overt retaliation against James Faluszczyk, enlists proxies.

2017

(Early 2017) Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico is forced to fire his Jones-Day legal team, claiming it was after he found out they were being too “contentious”. Reported subsequently, see: Lafferty, S. & JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2018, August 16). Bishop Persico web extra [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJJA3fofyiM>.

Shapiro, J. (2017, March 24). Graham Spanier convicted of endangering the welfare of children in Penn State case [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/graham-spanier-convicted-of-endangering-the-welfare-of-children-in-penn-state-case/>
Official Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General press release. Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2017b, May 19). First Deputy Attorney General Michelle Henry speaks on ethics & integrity at national attorneys general conference [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/first-deputy-attorney-general-michelle-henry-speaks-on-ethics-integrity-at-national-attorneys-general-conference/>

“It’s an honor to participate in this panel on ethics and codes of conduct,” Henry said. “We have a substantive plan and a story to share with our colleagues from around the nation. Ethics is everyone’s job in the Office of Attorney General, and we’re committed to maintaining a high level of integrity in everything we do each day for the people of Pennsylvania.” Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2017c, July 24). Attorney General Shapiro charges western PA priest with sexual abuse [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-shapiro-charges-western-pa-priest-with-sexual-abuse/>

"Reverend John T. Sweeney, of Greensburg, was arrested this afternoon and charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, a first-degree felony. The charge against Sweeney was recommended by a Pennsylvania statewide investigating grand jury conducting a broader investigation of sexual abuse by priests, under the supervision of the Office of Attorney General." Archived.

2018

Persico, L. & Diocese of Erie. (2018, February 13). Press release on Fr. David Poulson. Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie. <https://www.eriecld.org/Bishop-Persicos-statements-2018.html>

This multiply-referenced statement on the removal of Fr. David Poulson is missing from the ErieRCD website. Erie Times News coverage has also been removed.

Gushard, K. (2018, February 14). Two priests removed by Diocese of Erie. The Meadville Tribune. https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/full-story-two-priests-removed-by-diocese-of-erie/article_16693df6-1124-11e8-83dc-677fa8a2af0f.html

Coverage of the removal of my former professor Fr. David Poulson, whose abuse was concurrent with his ministry as my confessor in 2008. Like most former confreres, I have had no contact with Poulson since I left ministry. Fr. Sean Kerins was supervised by Fr. Richard Siefer prior to his ordination.

Cantillon, S. (2018, February 27). Man says he was abused as teen by Buffalo-area priest. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/man-says-he-was-abused-as-teen-by-buffalo-area-priest/article_ed7f31c5-043e-555a-9473-d923d1c47771.html.

Context story: Alleged victim of Fr. Norbert Orsolitz, Michael Whalen comes forward in Buffalo. The Buffalo News had been in search of this story.

Herbeck, D. (2018, March 3). Many stories of sexual abuse by priests yet to be told. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/advocate-many-stories-of-sexual-abuse-by-priests-yet-to-be-told/article_19d0b83d-d58b-5f20-9a5b-247311c15829.html

Judith Burns-Quinn (SNAP) to the Buffalo News re: coming onslaught of Diocese of Buffalo perpetrators and victims. Context: Part of a group of survivors pressing the diocese and local media to report on child sex abuse by religious officials, I was speaking to Buffalo media on background at this point. Michael Whalen was unknown to the group for some time after his announcement, though I was called upon by Mitchell Garabedian to speak out for Whalen in the intervening months as Whalen was barred from speaking with the press.

Kwiatkowski, J. (2018, March 18). Victims to Diocese of Buffalo on priest sex abuse: "Secrecy must end." The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/victims-to-diocese-of-buffalo-on-priest-sex-abuse-secrecy-must-end/article_f1b2838d-b927-5e2f-9e19-e39b1c074fc6.html

My first public comments on clergy sex abuse within the Catholic Church. With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. Written story, photos, archived.

DiMaria, C. (2018, March 18). I-TEAM: Survivor calls on Bishop Malone to release names and files of abusive priests. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team-erie-pa-victim-calls-on-bishop-malone-to-release-names-and-files-of-abusive-priests>

Written story, video, photo captures archived. With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. Note: My first public comments on clergy sex abuse within the Catholic Church.

WBEN Staff. (2018, March 18). Priest abuse news briefing with Robert Hoatson and James Faluszczyk. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

My first public comments on clergy sex abuse within the Catholic Church. With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. (18:36) audio, archived.

Perlman, M. (2018, March 19). Survivors call for Bishop Malone to release names of abusive priests. WIVB.com. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/survivors-call-for-bishop-malone-to-release-names-of-abusive-priests/>

My first public comments on clergy sex abuse within the Catholic Church, expressing my solidarity with victims. With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. Archived.

Palattella, E. (2018, March 20). Ex-priest says a priest abused him as a teen in Erie. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20180320/ex-priest-says-priest-abused-him-as-teen-in-erie>

Removed by the Erie Times News. Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180320164419/https://www.goerie.com/news/20180320/ex-priest-says-priest-abused-him-as-teen-in-erie>. My first public comments on clergy sex abuse within the Catholic Church in my hometown paper, noting my involvement with the PA 40th Investigating Grand Jury. Notes my DUI, although it had been expunged with restitution to the court and successful completion of community service. Ed Palattella's coverage of the crisis is it's own thread. Archived.

Shingledecker, S. (2018, March 21). Former area priest alleges sexual abuse. exploreClarion.com. <https://www.exploreclarion.com/2018/03/20/former-area-priest-alleges-sexual-abuse/>

Revelations of why I left public ministry to a former community where I served as Campus Minister (2001-2008) for Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Written story, archived.

Weidenboerner, K. (2018, March 21). Former Elk County priest alleges abuse before grand jury. The DuBois Courier Express. http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/former-elk-county-priest-alleges-abuse-before-grand-jury/article_4d8b2b05-0f34-5466-9d8f-87cf83609066.html

Removed by the Courier Express, this article by my former ECCHS student details my initial testimony before the PA 40th Investigating Grand Jury to the community where I first served as a priest. Written story, front page, multiply archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20180321175128/http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/former-elk-county-priest-alleges-abuse-before-grand-jury/article_4d8b2b05-0f34-5466-9d8f-87cf83609066.html

Mroziak, M. (2019, March 21). Bishop Malone explains decision to release list, as victim advocates say "not good enough." WBFO. <https://news.wbfo.org/post/bishop-malone-explains-decision-release-list-victim-advocates-say-not-good-enough>

Priesthood as it actually is made my decision to serve that way untenable. Anticipating the passage of the New York Child Victims Act. Written story, with survivor Gary Astridge and Bob Hoatson of Road to Recovery. Archived.

Rose, S & Mazurowski, B. (2018, March 21). James Faluszczak on Clergy Sex Abuse Omny.fm. https://omny.fm/shows/a-new-morning/james-faluszczak-on-clergy-sex-abuse-mp3?in_playlist=wben-930am!podcast

WBEN Buffalo interview with A New Morning on why I became a priest in spite of the grooming and abuse I experienced. On the systemic nature of formation for abuse by the Church's seminary system and culture. Audio, (9:10) archived.

Wagner, P. (2018, March 22). Former Erie priest and sex abuse victim reacts to Diocese plan to release names of priests accused of abuse [Video]. Erie News Now. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/37788720/former-erie-priest-and-sex-abuse-victim-reacts-to-diocese-plan-to-release-names-of-priests-accused-of-abuse>

My reaction to the impending Diocese of Erie release of perpetrator names. Following my grand jury testimony the Diocese of Erie positions itself to release a list of alleged perpetrators of child sex abuse, including lay people. Bishop Persico's narrative of transparent trailblazer does not hold up to scrutiny. The Diocese of Erie list will somehow be regarded as groundbreaking when it is

used as its own cover. References written statement (missing) about their own upcoming release of names. When did the diocese begin to develop the list? I was asking for files, not just names. Written story, archived. Video removed by ENN.

Palatella, E. (2018, March 22). Erie diocese set to release priests' names in big policy shift. GoErie.com. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20180322/erie-diocese-set-to-release-priests-names-in-big-policy-shift>

Removed by the Erie Times News. How I suffered alone, in spite of Erie diocesan officials purported newfound transparency. The article attempts to make a distinction between retired Erie Bishop Trautman and current Bishop Persico by detailing the involvement of the Erie County (PA) district attorneys of their respective tenures. Written story, photo of Trautman and Erie DA Brad Foulk, archived multiply: <https://web.archive.org/web/20181217125354/http://www.goerie.com/news/20180322/erie-diocese-set-to-release-priests-names-in-big-policy-shift>.

Wagner, P., [WICU TV]. (2018b, March 23). Former priest identifies priest he says sexually abused him in 1980s [Video]. Erie News Now. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/37797131/former-priest-identifies-priest-he-says-sexually-abused-him-in-1980s>

Video removed by ENN. I identify Msgr. Daniel J. Martin as the priest who groomed my family over many years and molested me. Written story, archived.

Palattella, E. (2018b, March 23). Ex-Erie priest names priest he says abused him. GoErie.com. https://www.goerie.com/news/20180323/ex-erie-priest-names-priest-he-says-abused-him?fbclid=IwAR20ZW0Nx0m5oCrhtPvKAasZI9O20T_Rh_YGJq0PrnHC3uE7qqiXvDaslew

Removed by the Erie Times News/GoErie.com. I identify Msgr. Daniel J. Martin as the priest who groomed my family over many years and molested me. I did not wait for the Diocese of Erie to name him because I wanted a sense of my own agency in that regard. Written story, archived at BishopAccountability.org: https://www.bishop-accountability.org/news/2018/03_04/2018_03_23_Palattella_ExeriePriest.htm

Weidenboerner, K. (2018b, March 25). Ex-priest names former ECC headmaster as alleged abuser. The DuBois Courier Express. http://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/ex-priest-names-former-ecc-headmaster-as-alleged-abuser/article_b09f2df1-3e7b-512f-9d93-586469d28aed.html

Removed by the DuBois Courier Express. This article by my former student names Msgr. Martin and further details my allegations, including against my former colleagues in DuBois PA and St. Marys PA. Written story, photo, Sunday front page, archived multiply: https://web.archive.org/web/20180325212241/https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/local/ex-priest-names-former-ecc-headmaster-as-alleged-abuser/article_b09f2df1-3e7b-512f-9d93-586469d28aed.html

Wagner, P. (2018b, March 26). State lawmakers consider bill to expand legal rights of victims of child sex abuse. Erie New Now. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/37811725/state-lawmakers-consider-bill-to-expand-legal-rights-of-victims-of-child-sex-abuse>

Another round of legislative wrangling begins in the PA Legislature, and marks the beginning of my SOL advocacy in my home state. Written story, archived. Video removed by ENN.

Sherman, R. (2018, March 27). Former Clarion priest laments no farewell mass. The Clarion News. https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/frontpage/article_023614f1-c9c7-582d-8296-2dd9720adfb6.html

Revelations of why I left public ministry to a former community where I served as Campus Minister (2001-2008) for Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Written story, archived.

Palattella, E. (2018, March 29). Ex-priest says a priest abused him as a teen in Erie. Voice of the Faithful ®. <https://voicefaithful.blog/2018/03/>

Voice of the Faithful citing my story: "James Faluszczyk, now of Buffalo, said he testified about the abuse before a grand jury investigating the Catholic Diocese of Erie. A former northwestern Pennsylvania priest has provided a glimpse into a Pennsylvania grand jury's investigation of the Catholic Diocese of Erie. James Faluszczyk, who resigned from the active priesthood in the Erie

diocese in 2014, said he testified before the grand jury about how a priest in Erie sexually abused him(link is external) when he was a teenager in the 1980s.”

The Bradford Era. (2018, March 30). Now-deceased priest who had Elk County ties accused of abuse. The Bradford Era. http://www.bradfordera.com/news/now-deceased-priest-who-had-elk-co-ties-accused-of/article_1fef4732-33af-11e8-961e-4f47e701c018.html

The only Elk County Catholic High School comment on Martin that I am aware of, and, with the DuBois Courier Express, the only papers local to St. Marys/Elk County to significantly report on the matter. Written story, archived.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. (2018, April 3). Grand jury wrapping up abuse investigation of six Catholic dioceses in Pa. https://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2018/04/03/Grand-jury-wrapping-up-abuse-investigation-of-Allentown-and-other-Catholic-dioceses/stories/201804030179?fbclid=IwAR0rJDaKyKG6X0HV9EkbMY_Vr-M1loChtC07ZCg5TU5Koj3BM12qWIMcNxx

Announcement of 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury extension.

Diocese of Erie. (2018, April 6). Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico Bishop of Erie [Press release]. <https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/statement4-6-18.pdf>

Bishop Persico statement on his promulgation of a new child protection policy six years into his tenure. “The policy we’ve been using has served us well. It has always been a living document, adapted and adjusted to the times.” Archived.

Erie Times-News. (2018a, April 6). Erie diocese releases names of accused priests, laypeople [Video].

YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K--cAdPbxEM>

Archived: https://youtu.be/qH1_xQ5Aycc

Palattella, E. (2018c, April 7). Erie bishop: Disclosures part of ‘search for the truth.’ GoErie.com. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20180407/erie-bishop-disclosures-part-of-search-for-truth>

Written story and video removed by the Erie Times News. While touted as a precedent, the Diocese of Erie only gives a partial account of alleged abusers, while concealing the locations, number of victims, and history of abuse. The list is a cover for what precipitated it. Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180408123627/https://www.goerie.com/news/20180407/erie-bishop-disclosures-part-of-search-for-truth>

(2018, April 7-8). Terry McKiernan of Bishop-Accountability.org visits clergy abuse survivors and media in Buffalo. Photos. Archived.

Weidenboerner, K. (2018c, April 8). Local priests, lay person on Erie Diocese “credibly accused” list. The DuBois Courier Express. https://www.thecourierexpress.com/tri_county_sunday/news/local/local-priests-lay-person-on-erie-diocese-credibly-accused-list/article_20015f20-e551-575d-b493-d99344a53a30.html

My accusations re: Denise Geitner as reported by my former student, and my investigation of her at the behest of Bishop Persico of the Diocese of Erie. Law enforcement in Elk County were conducting a parallel investigation of Geitner, which I was forbidden by multiple superiors to assist. Written story, archived.

Palattella, E. (2018d, April 8). Grand jury report next for Catholic Diocese of Erie. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20180408/grand-jury-report-next-for-catholic-diocese-of-erie>

Removed by the Erie Times News. Beginning to anticipate the release the report of the 40th PA Investigative Grand Jury, and in which I underestimate the number of alleged abusers to be revealed, and others which would remain secret. Written story, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180625111713/https://www.goerie.com/news/20180408/grand-jury-report-next-for-catholic-diocese-of-erie>

Palattella, E. (2018, April 10). Mercyhurst renounces Garvey. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/story/news/education/2018/04/10/mercyhurst-renounces-garvey/12720482007/>

Salvia, A. & W. (2018, April 13). Couple defends priest accused of child abuse: Letters to the editor. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/letters/2018/04/16/couple-defends-priest-accused-child/12575220007/>

In CFM with my parents, carpoolers. Salvias Letter to the Editor, defending Fr. Daniel Martin, standing against my allegation as a family. Erie Times News, archived.

Smith, P. (2018, April 16). Sex-abuse report looms over Catholic dioceses. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2018/04/16/Grand-jury-report-Catholic-dioceses-Pittsburgh-pennsylvania-priests-sex-abuse-josh-shapiro/stories/201804140014>

Anticipating not only revelations of abuse of children, but the dynamics of historical and present-day coverup by Church leaders. Written story, archived.

Persico, L. (2018, April 16). Statement from The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico Bishop of Erie [Press release]. <https://www.eriercd.org/images/pdf/statement4-6-18.pdf>

After sustained pressure from the grand jury testimony and Diocese of Buffalo advocacy of Erie survivor and priest James Faluszczak, the Diocese of Erie produces another "living document" and a novel list of alleged abusers in the Diocese of Erie. Persico's release of the names of lay people came in response to Persico getting caught mishandling a lay case at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys PA, not as a result of his conscience. Archived.

Perlman, M. (2018b, April 17). Law firm renews call for Catholic Diocese to release information on accused priests. WIVB CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/law-firm-renews-call-for-catholic-diocese-to-release-information-on-accused-priests/>

Participating in the release of Anderson Associates' first report on the Diocese of Buffalo, and calling for real transparency from Bishop Malone.

Perlman, M. (2018c, April 18). Alleged clergy sex abuse victim: "I am angry with god." WIVB CBS 4 Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/alleged-clergy-sex-abuse-victim-i-am-angry-with-god/1129042994/>

Extended interview where I describe the Catholic Church as the largest organized crime syndicate in the world, and describe the loss and anger resulting from abuse and trauma.

McDonald, P.J. (2018, April 18). Letters to the editor. Erie Times-News.

"Airing of priest abuse could open old wounds. This letter is in regard to the priest abuse crises in Erie and the world in general. It is also in part a response to a letter to the editor published on April 17 by the Salvias regarding accusations of abuse made against Monsignor Daniel J. Martin. I know that as all of this news comes out, many of those who were abused as children and youth are being triggered and in some ways may be re-traumatized as something they have tried to hide or deny comes to light again. I worry that when the grand jury findings are made public, many victims will experience a very difficult time and in small towns such as Saint Marys and even Erie, will there be therapists who are truly qualified in trauma therapy to help them. Still, please know I applaud you for what you are doing. I consider it a heroic act on the part of the many working to bring the truth to light. — P.J. McDonald, Washington." Removed by the Erie Times News. PJ McDonald of Washington DC, and formerly of St. Marys PA. Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018a, May 4). AG Shapiro: Two Altoona Franciscan friars plead to endangering the welfare of children [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-two-altoona-franciscan-friars-plead-to-endangering-the-welfare-of-children/>

"The two Franciscan supervisors are among the first clergy members in the United States to be held criminally liable for covering up sexual abuse of children by other clergy. These are the

first members of a religious order in Pennsylvania to be sentenced for protecting clergy who abused children." Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018, May 4). "Two Franciscan friars have plead to endangering the welfare of children & failing to supervise a friar who abused more than 100 kids in Johnstown, PA. These are among the 1st clergy members in the US – the 1st in PA - to be convicted for covering up sexual abuse by other clergy. These friars knew a 3rd clergyman was targeting children, yet they did nothing to protect victims or make sure he wasn't given access to minors. I won't tolerate that - and my Office will enforce the law without fear and without favor." Facebook. <https://fb.watch/obn4fqZHbn/>

PA Attorney General's official Facebook video, archived: <https://fb.watch/obn4fqZHbn/>. (:32), archived.

Specht, C. (2018, May 7). Clergy abuse victims call for Bishop Malone's resignation. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/clergy-abuse-victims-call-for-bishop-malones-resignation>

Bishop Malone is actively deceiving the people of the Diocese of Buffalo, and should resign. My comments re: Fr. Fabian Maryanski on behalf of Stephanie McIntyre. With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery and Judith Burns-Quinn of SNAP. Written story, video, screen captures archived. Videos: Reveal or Resign <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vO4xOm4IQDI>, Maryanski <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lw4Nx9MzcBI>

Mroziak, M. (2018, May 7). As Diocese places priest on leave, abuse advocate tells bishop "reveal or resign." WBFO. <https://news.wbfo.org/post/diocese-places-priest-leave-abuse-advocate-tells-bishop-reveal-or-resign>

Media, lawyers, and courageous victims of clergy sex abuse are bringing the truth to light, and doing the work that Bishop Malone and the Diocese of Buffalo should be doing. Written story, audio, archived.

McDonald, P. J. (2018b, May 8). Take care when dismissing victims' claims of abuse: Letters to the editor. GoErie.com. <https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/letters/2018/05/09/take-care-when-dismissing-victims/12244842007/>

Archived: "Trauma has only been widely acknowledged since the 1970s. It was just in 1975 that a center for research on rape was created at the National Institutes of Health. This research confirmed that sexual assault against women and children was widespread. Still, this was not common knowledge in society. Thus where could abuse victims go for help and whom could they tell who understood?"

Today, knowledge and reporting of the sexual abuse of children and youth both in the general population, but more specifically by Catholic priests, is readily found. But specialized trauma-trained therapists remain few. There are many books and articles on trauma, as well as movies and documentaries. All show the lack of accountability, remorse or contrition on the part of the pedophile priests and the church, as well as the life-altering effects on their victims.

A recent letter writer's family have a right to their belief that Monsignor Daniel J. Martin is innocent. However, I would like to make it clear that a response such as this is a great part of the "why" victims do not come forward and instead suffer in silence. Victims suffer with misplaced guilt and shame and often try to dull the nightmares, flashbacks, depression, severe anxiety and loss of trust with many things, including substance abuse and self-harm — anything to ease the humiliation and suffering.

Those who doubt, please be reminded that relatives and neighbors can routinely do something you never thought possible.

As Judith Herman in her book "Trauma and Recovery" said, "It is very tempting to take the side of the perpetrator. All the perpetrator asks is that the bystander do nothing. ...The victim, on the contrary, asks the bystander to share the burden of pain."

Shapiro, J. (2018a, May 8). Attorney General Shapiro charges Catholic priest in Erie Diocese with sexual abuse of two boys[Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-shapiro-charges-catholic-priest-in-erie-diocese-with-sexual-abuse-of-two-boys/>

"The Diocese of Erie knew since at least May, 2010, of Poulson's sexual predator tendencies – but did nothing to report him to authorities until September, 2016, in response to a subpoena from the grand jury. The diocese even produced a May 24, 2010 secret memorandum, in which diocesan leaders confirmed complaints had been made about Poulson's inappropriate contact with minors. In the memo – hidden in church archives for six years – Poulson admits being "aroused" by a boy, and sharing sexually suggestive texts with numerous other boys." Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018b, May 8). Announcing charges against Fr. David Poulson. Press conference, Erie, Pennsylvania, United States of America. <https://youtu.be/wBVITlqRQrI>

Shapiro announces charges against Fr. David L. Poulson in a press conference at the County Courthouse in Erie PA. (22:03) on disc, archived Erie Times News feed.

Persico, L. (2018b, May 8). Statement from The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, regarding Father David Poulson [Press release]. <https://www.eriescd.org/images/pdf/StatementMay8.pdf>

Persico: "The diocese learned of the conduct that provides the basis for these charges in January 2018 and immediately notified law enforcement. Moreover, I directed K&L Gates law firm to assist in producing to the Attorney General's office any and all evidence they uncovered to assist in this prosecution." This statement sidesteps the fact that Persico had the Poulson confession and materials in his possession for six years. Archived.

WGRZ NBC 2 Buffalo. (2018, May 8). Erie-area priest charged with sexual abuse. WGRZ NBC 2 Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/religion/erie-area-priest-charged-with-sexual-abuse/71-550054786>

Coverage in Buffalo NY (WGRZ NBC) of former Auxiliary Bishop Trautman's coverup of Fr. David Poulson's confession. <https://youtu.be/2RCCBeFxFbY>, (:51), archived.

Adams, L. (2018, May 8). Man who claims Fr. David Poulson abused him speaks about testimony to grand jury. Erie News Now. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/38144109/man-who-claims-father-david-poulson-abused-him-speaks-about-testimony-to-grand-jury>

Jim VanSickle statements on Poulson.

Persico, L. (2018c, May 9). [Second] Statement from Bishop Lawrence Persico regarding Poulson charges [Press release]. <https://www.eriescd.org/images/pdf/May%209%20statement.pdf>

Persico prevarication on Poulson: "I want to state, unequivocally, that I was not aware of any concerns regarding Father Poulson until I received those allegations in January of this year. In addition, it was not until I received and acted upon the allegation earlier this year that I learned of the memo that had been written in 2010." However, Persico did receive in 2012 Poulson's confession to Bishop Donald Trautman that he is sexually aroused by minor boys, and a complaint that he was inappropriately texting with children in a grooming manner. Archived.

Erie News Now. (2018, May 9). Follow-up statement from Bishop Lawrence Persico regarding the Poulson case. Erie News Now. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/follow-up-statement-from-bishop-lawrence-persico-regarding-the-poulson-case/1170098858/?fbclid=IwAR2eE-sWOoJ29X3T-zJbE1g-GjldB7IXb3Sw2thCya0i4gPeqloPyRx7WIY>

Further statement by Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico on Fr. David Poulson.

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018, May 9). In charging priest Attorney General alleges coverup. GoErie.com. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20180509/in-charging-priest-attorney-general-alleges-coverup?fbclid=IwAR1vJdZsF9iMhm5YaTRD4oQauklxL19owVQaVU9kHgcwn-MlPRSXAkFcDg>

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro re: Bishops Trautman and Persico and their handling of Fr. David Poulson.

Specht, C. (2018b, May 10). Auxiliary Bishop Donald W. Trautman. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/longform/auxiliary-bishop-donald-w-trautman>

Bishop Trautman told me I was lucky that I was only molested 15 times. Video includes Judith Burns-Quinn of SNAP Buffalo. Long form story, video, archived.

Mann, B. (2018, May 10). In career defined by the priest abuse scandal, Bishop LaValley seeks a path forward. NCPB. <https://www.northcountrypublicradio.org/news/story/36179/20180510/in-career-defined-by-the-priest-abuse-scandal-bishop-lavalley-seeks-a-path-forward>

"Bishop LaValley says bringing those old cases back into civil court would be unfair.

"Fundamentally there's a reason why there's a statute of limitations. People's memories fade. They don't remember. A person dies. Witnesses can't be located. If we're worried about justice, it's a real problem looking back especially in our case, the Church's case, where we're talking decades." He also thinks the Child Victims Act would unfairly focus on religious institutions." (6:40) audio, archived.

Specht, C. (2018a, May 10). I-TEAM: Buffalo's bishops have long history of covering up abuse. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/longform/i-team-the-men-who-helped-cover-up-catholic-church-abuse>

A portal of broken links to the Buffalo cases of Bishop Edward D. Head (Bishop from 1972-1995), Auxiliary Bishop Donald W. Trautman (Served from 1974-1990), Bishop Henry J. Mansell (Bishop from 1995-2003), Monsignor Robert J. Cunningham (Served from 1974-2004), Auxiliary Bishop Edward Grosz (Currently serving). This reporting served as an introduction to clergy sexual abuse and its coverup within the Diocese of Buffalo.

Wagner, P. (2018c, May 10). Former Erie priest and sex abuse victim reacts to latest clergy sex abuse case. Erie News Now. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/38162465/former-erie-priest-and-sex-abuse-victim-reacts-to-latest-clergy-sex-abuse-case>

My reaction to the naming of now-convicted Fr. David Poulson, my former professor, confessor, and friend. The Diocese of Erie, in the persons of Bishops Trautman and Persico, withheld information about Poulson's proclivities from law enforcement. Written story, archived.

Erie Times-News. (2018, May 10). Erie Bishop [Lawrence Persico] makes statement regarding sexual abuse charges against priest (E. Palattella & et al, Interviewers) [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VO91saw5Lu0>

Bishop Persico on When He Knew about Fr. David Poulson: Press conference following 9/10 statement on Poulson's arrest. Reference to withheld 2/13 communication of credible allegations, immediately turned matter over to law enforcement? When?

(:54) Persico claims he was not aware of allegations until January 2018, not aware of 2010 Memo until he received those allegations; "Brief overview of what I knew and when"...

(1:12) ..all prepared remarks until

(2:30) where, continuing to read prepared remarks, says the following not in the press release: "The Diocese of Erie has put a great deal of time and effort into making sure every possible action is taken to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults. I do not make this statement lightly. I do not take this responsibility lightly." Reporter questions begin at

(3:06) Ed Palattella/ETN, Persico answers colloquially, with many tics,

(6:00) "If I had a reason to look at them." Not looking at files was a strategy, if not a lie.

(5:45) EP: So you didn't have...(muttered inaudibly)..the file..the files that the memo was in [Persico, interrupting]: ...was in the file room EP: But you didn't have would you have had access to that independently before they took them? 4 file cabinets.

(6:45) On whether Bishop Trautman alerted him to anything. Informed him of other actors, serious cases, some on the list. Most removed from ministry. None active now.."primary offenders"

(7:45) On the Memo, Persico describes multi-handed relay. Who else in diocesan administration knew? Admissions in memo. But why did Trautman have the conversation with Poulson in the first place? Persico sidesteps investigatory responsibility, ethically and canonically. Washes hands like Pilate. Law enforcement, AG, Erie DA have the resources the diocese doesn't. "Didn't want to jeopardize investigation", chance destroy evidence, though Poulson knew he was being investigated for months. No hush money? EP: Spoken to Trautman?

(12:15) Stumbling, laughing, “after all this came out, yes”.
(12:59) on disc, archived: <https://youtu.be/NHGv6i0DZDE>.

Persico, L. (2018d, May 16). Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Bishop of Erie, regarding today’s meeting with State Attorney General Shapiro [Press release]. https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/Persico%20statement_May%2016.pdf

Persico: “We also discussed my testimony before the grand jury, as well as the grand jury report. I found the meeting to be very productive.” Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018c, May 16). Attorney General Josh Shapiro responds to Diocese of Erie statement on investigation into child sexual abuse [Press release]. https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/Shapiro%20statement_May%2016.pdf

Harrisburg – “Since my Office filed charges against a predator priest for the sexual abuse of young boys in the Diocese of Erie, I have been encouraged by the Diocese’s response under Bishop Lawrence Persico and counsel Mark Rush,” Attorney General Josh Shapiro said. “The Diocese has accepted responsibility by acknowledging this abhorrent abuse, expressing sorrow and regret, and announcing steps to prevent these horrors from happening again.” “Bishop Persico has also not sought to block these matters from seeing public light, or attempted to keep victims’ voices from finally being heard. I commend his actions.” “I will continue fighting for victims across Pennsylvania, without fear or favor.” Archived.

WJET 24 ABC Erie/ YourErie.com. (2018, May 17). Bishop Lawrence Persico meets with Attorney General Josh Shapiro. YourErie.com. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/bishop-lawrence-persico-meets-with-attorney-general-josh-shapiro/>

Reporting that Bishop Persico informed the PA AG that he has chosen to forgo legal challenges to the grand jury on behalf of the Diocese of Erie. No vid of either Persico or Shapiro from this source. Archived video (:33) reporting by WJET 24 ABC Erie PA found here: <https://youtu.be/ZWsTnISCFm8?si=q2toPDx9IEABiDTC>

Howard, P. (2018, May 17). Trautman not addressing implications of his inaction [Opinion]. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/opinion/20180517/pat-howard-trautman-not-addressing-implications-of-his-inaction?fbclid=IwAR3BEwnNPd40XPSG2EAifeh7u_bhJZEO0tCOI8-nVDqVZylcK-4XkGBm_sU

Palattella, E. (2018e, May 19). Erie diocese updates list of accused clergy, laypeople. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20180519/erie-diocese-updates-list-of-accused-clergy-laypeople?fbclid=IwAR1n0CyyTs_rOu2sybR8Jfjh8zm8kj_QHBZHrNmuRhu2NUPx-lwT1YCHHYo

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HARRISBURG – “Today, in a reversal of their position, the bishops and dioceses of Greensburg and Harrisburg agreed to make public the results of a grand jury investigation of widespread sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. I commend Bishop Malesic and Bishop Gainer for doing the right thing,” Attorney General Josh Shapiro said. “Now all of the dioceses support the release of the investigation’s findings and results.” “Victims of this sexual abuse deserve the right to tell their stories to the people of Pennsylvania. That is why my legal team and I have worked tirelessly to have each diocese agree to give victims the opportunity to be heard.” “I expect to speak publicly on this comprehensive investigation by the end of June. The only thing that could stop these findings from becoming public at that time is if one of the bishops or dioceses would seek to delay or prevent this public accounting.” Archived.

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Harrisburg – “Just moments ago, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania accepted legal challenges to the issuing of a grand jury report detailing widespread sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. In an unsealed order, the Supreme Court has issued a stay of proceedings to review and decide those challenges,” Attorney General Josh Shapiro said. “My legal team and I will continue fighting tirelessly to make sure the victims of this abuse are able to tell their stories and the findings of this investigation are made public to the people of Pennsylvania.” Archived.

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Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro meets with clergy abuse survivors in his office, along with deputies Melissa Henry and Daniel Dye and a coterie of aides. It felt a bit like new student orientation. Interviews followed in the lobby of Strawberry Square, arranged in advance by Shapiro's media apparatus. Archived.

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Shapiro, J. (2018d, June 29). Attorney General Josh Shapiro will take action to make grand jury report public [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-josh-shapiro-will-take-action-to-make-grand-jury-report-public/>

"There are legal filings the Court must decide. In acting on Monday, we are hopeful the Court will expeditiously decide these issues and lift the stay. The people of Pennsylvania have a right to see the report, know who is attempting to block its release and why, and to hear the voices of the victims of sexual abuse within the Church," Attorney General Shapiro said. Archived.

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Wardarski, J. (2018, July 11). James Faluszczyk Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Mini. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2018/07/15/Catholic-priest-Clergy-abuse-survivors-grand-jury-diocese-of-Pittsburgh-Greensburg-Erie-Allentown-Harrisburg-Scranton/stories/201807140003?fbclid=IwAR28PH2NVFBAYZBSInJFHhdd0Jd4LouprbVMBjqeHcCdhjADTvBVOnKq6Q>

Filmed in Buffalo and Erie, as well as several still photos outside St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo. Music by Kai Engel (4:13), archived: <https://youtu.be/f4RxpfnO1Rg>

Tokasz, J. (2018b, July 12). Woman alleges nun used crucifix to abuse her in Snyder convent [Video]. Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/woman-alleges-nun-used-crucifix-to-abuse-her-in-snyder-convent/article_df9fce7f-d4dd-550c-855a-12179fb2ca27.html

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The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association issued a statement calling for the report to be made public “without undue delay in accordance with the law.” While the statement supports arguments Morganelli made at a news conference Monday, it stops short of his goal of having the association file a legal brief in the battle over releasing the report now before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Association Executive Director Richard Long said the organization decided against filing with the court because it only has had access to limited information in the case. Most of the filings in the investigation are under seal and many others have been redacted. “We didn’t have sufficient information to make a lot of legal arguments,” he said. Archived.

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Standing with Carroll Becker as she speaks her truth. Archived.

Specht, C. (2018e, July 14). Charlie Specht on what it’s like to cover the Buffalo priest abuse scandal as a Catholic. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/charlie-specht-on-what-its-like-to-cover-the-buffalo-priest-abuse-scandal-as-a-catholic>

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“I began to have really strong doubts about whether I could remain in the priesthood and be healthy, not just because there would be constant reminders of what happened to me but that I knew there were priests whose lifestyles weren’t consistent with the vows they took,” he said. “There was always conjecture, the priests always talked about who the molesters were in our fraternity.”

Archived: [https://web.archive.org/web/20220722181907/https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2018/07/15/Catholic-priest-Clergy-abuse-survivors-grand-jury-diocese-of-Pittsburgh-Greensburg-Erie-Allentown-Harrisburg-Scranton/stories/201807140003?](https://web.archive.org/web/20220722181907/https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2018/07/15/Catholic-priest-Clergy-abuse-survivors-grand-jury-diocese-of-Pittsburgh-Greensburg-Erie-Allentown-Harrisburg-Scranton/stories/201807140003?fbclid=IwAR28PH2NVFBAYZBSInIJFHdd0Jd4LouprbVMBjqeHcCdhjADTvBVOnKq6Q)

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Author P.A. Kane eloquently weaves together experiential horrors and therapeutic expression in an autobiography of a survivors psyche. Kane relies on the medium of indie art paper The Public to create an authentic waypoint for survivors in Buffalo and beyond.

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Persico: "The original list was updated on May 18, 2018, with six new names. Today, another seven new names, two of which are still under investigation, have been added to the website

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Harrisburg — Attorney General Josh Shapiro issued the following statement in response to Judge Norman A. Krumenacker's Opinion and Order released this morning. The judge's order and opinion are linked. "Last week, as directed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Attorney General Shapiro filed a brief to combat efforts to prevent the release of the entire Grand Jury report into child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church." "Today, Judge Krumenacker ruled in favor of the Commonwealth and victims that our brief should be made public." "Our office continues to fight to ensure this report is released and victims' voices are heard by the people of Pennsylvania. This marks an important step in that process." Archived.

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[Ronald Silverio], "the former head of the Buffalo area's largest AIDS prevention organization is being accused of molesting three brothers from a South Buffalo family when he was a Catholic priest in the 1970s." Follows P.A. Kane's piece in The Public, where the accusation was publicly lodged July 18, 2018 in Fear and loathing a Catholic priest. Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20200923040102/https://buffalonews.com/news/local/three-brothers-accuse-former-priest-turned-aids-activist-of-sex-abuse/article_06f0b18a-a698-5735-9f17-c6a52660e01b.html

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Harrisburg — Attorney General Josh Shapiro issued the following statement on an Order and Opinion today by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, directing that a Grand Jury report on child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy in Pennsylvania be released. "Our fear throughout this process has been that the entire Grand Jury report would be shelved and victims' truth would be silenced," Attorney General Shapiro said. "Today's Order ensures that will not be the case — the redacted

report on widespread sexual abuse and cover up within the Catholic Church will be released.” “I will continue to fight to ensure every single victim is heard and every priest, bishop and church official is held accountable for their abhorrent conduct. No one victim’s truth is any less important than another and no one’s criminal conduct any less loathsome.” “Today is a victory for the survivors but our work is not yet done.” Archived.

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“When I stood here just over one year ago to announce charges against this priest, many congregants expressed their disbelief that the allegations could possibly be true,” said Attorney General Shapiro, in a news conference following Sweeney’s plea at the Westmoreland courthouse. “I understood their instinctive reaction. I understand it’s hard for someone of faith to imagine that a trusted leader could have done something so despicable. But today there is no doubt, John Sweeney is accepting full responsibility and admitting what he did.” Archived.

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Church coverup is enshrined in its canons and its procedures. "Mr Tapsell said the 1922 directive, known as Crimen Sollicitationis, or the crime of solicitation, had been reinstated in various incarnations during the 20th century as part of a permanent reversal in attitude from the church that, centuries prior, had willingly handed over sexual predators to civil authorities." Archived.

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"Today, the most comprehensive report on child sexual abuse within the church ever produced in our country was released," Attorney General Shapiro said. "Pennsylvanians can finally learn the extent of sexual abuse in these dioceses. For the first time, we can all begin to understand the systematic cover up by church leaders that followed. The abuse scarred every diocese. The cover up was sophisticated. The church protected the institution at all costs." Political use of survivors not affiliated with the grand jury in pre-promotional video and throughout Shapiro's efforts hereafter. Archived.

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"I had gone to two bishops with allegations over five years, and they ignored and downplayed my allegations," said the Rev. James Faluszcak, an Erie priest on extended leave who was abused as a child and who testified before the grand jury. "It's that very management of secrets that has given cover to predators." I communicated my allegations to three bishops before I took them public. Archived.

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Video (David Swanson) remarks of James Faluszczyk calling on Bishop Donald Trautman to renounce his Emeritus titles after his heinous treatment of victims. "This is the murder of a soul," said James Faluszczyk, a former priest who says he was abused by a priest as a child in the Diocese of Erie. "There is no statute of limitations on the crime of murder." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200806083306/https://www.inquirer.com/philly/news/catholic-church-sex-abuse-victims-grand-jury-report-pennsylvania-20180814.html>

Opilo, E. (2018, August 14). Father Faluszczyk was a victim of abuse but became a priest anyway. He calls on Erie's former bishop to resign his emeritus status. X, formerly known as Twitter. <https://x.com/emilyopilo/status/1029455277844848640?s=20>

[Video]. Immediately following the release of the grand jury report I call for Bishop Donald Trautman to renounce his Emeritus status for his heinous disregard for victims. Archived: <https://youtu.be/GCNU7Kc5EwM>

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Persico: "The Diocese of Erie will not shroud abusers in secrecy—no matter who they are or how long ago the abuse occurred. We acknowledge the abuses of the past and are committed to being transparent with our decisions going forward." Persico still hides priests he knows abused children: the two redacted parties, Fr. David Poulson, and the identities of former diocesan administrators who administered the coverup. Archived.

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Full video (20:33) on disc, archived. Persico: Addresses victims, betrayed by people holding themselves out as servants of god. Steers away from priests toward teachers, lay people, as if proportional. To victims: "You are not responsible".

(2:51) Admires those who testified, and acknowledges those not able or ready to come forward in this way". [What then?] Hopes victims can accept his apology

(3:26), and acknowledges long process. Pivots to new policies and procedures, "adding names in light of the grand jury report". Come and pray with us. Cf. Press Release read by Persico, until questions begin at

(8:19). Persico: Many ways to achieve justice,

(9:25) Wonky distinction between confidential files vs. secret archive which appears defunctive, but brushes past management of and responsibility for which is canonically his. Weird time to try to impress with an arcane distinction. “Cabinet fulls” of confidential files were “of course” transferred to the Attorney General.

(10:25) Claims to be unable to speak to running out the clock on criminal SOL contradicts his gratitude, or his lack of cooperation, and minimizes the reality by saying that

(10:36) Persico suggests that is giving the bishops too much credit. Flippant, weird time to be wry.

(13:18) Publicized names on K&L Gates’ advice before Report, contradicts his reason elsewhere for not releasing redactions. Laying the foundation for his own laurels, reminding people of the paragon he is. Keeps referencing the list on the website, saying its how you monitor people..again, as if he didn’t botch then cover up the Denise Myers Geitner allegations.

(14:14) Persico doesn’t think Trautman is guilty of coverup, defends him. Inherited, won’t deny accuracy either, says he doesn’t want to speak for Trautman, though he’s not being asked to. What is his judgement on the matter? Sidesteps.. Trautman on extended vacation, his attorney available. Prevaricates on Greensburg regrets

(14:56) facial tics, wobbling. “We could all do a better job”, so yes? Goes into guru mode, voice changes, word salad trying to fill the suit. Sounds regretful “now you have to do something”. Trying to sound proactive on Poulson, when Persico’s past is the prologue to the present scandal. Adding names diocese got through their own parallel investigation, not shared, not in the report. But two redacted? Sidesteps that question. 5 new 2 religious 3 diocesan not in Report.

(17:50) has to do with arrival time, DA was invited in 2016 [four years after Persico became bishop, three years after Myers matter, served subpoena] Nonsensical quote. Back and forth in one breath as to whether he took the lead over law enforcement, or whether he followed law enforcement. Subpoena then a raid with a warrant from the AG suggests Persico followed under compulsion. Vicar General Lohse with rescue line: “Respecting the secrecy of the grand jury we were not able...” Persico: “my press conference”.

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“This is the murder of a soul,” said James Faluszczyk, a former priest who says he was abused by a priest as a child in the Diocese of Erie. “There is no statute of limitations on the crime of murder.” Archived.

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“This is the murder of a soul,” James Faluszczyk, a former priest who said he was abused by a priest as a child in the Diocese of Erie, told Philly.com. “There is no statute of limitations on the crime of murder.” Archived.

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AP Photo, Matt Rourke. "Former priest James Faluszcak, who says he was molested by a priest as a teenager, reacts as Pennsylvania Attorney General Joh Shapiro speaks during a news conference at the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg, Pa., Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. A Pennsylvania grand jury says its investigation of clergy sexual abuse identified more than 1,000 child victims. The grand jury report released Tuesday says that number comes from records in six Roman Catholic dioceses." Archived.

Lafferty, S. (2018, August 15). 2018_08_15 Bishop Lawrence Persico on Firing Jones-Day [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eGktdCZUoI>

Archived clip from Sean Lafferty/ WJET 24 ABC's extended interview with Bishop Lawrence Persico. Original in full: Lafferty, S. & JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2018, August 16). Bishop Persico web extra [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJJA3fofyiM>.

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Persico suggests support for a lookback window for clergy sexual abuse victims if the same standard is applied to public institutions like schools and hospitals. One day after the release of the PA 40th Grand Jury Report, Bishop Persico uses the opportunity to throw shade on its failure to name lay people, after failing to keep his own diocese in order for six years. Archived: https://youtu.be/_et4A3C57eI

Mullins, L. (2018, August 16). Former Catholic priest and abuse survivor reacts to Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. WBUR.org. <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2018/08/16/former-priest-abuse-survivor?fbclid=IwAR0QSYBW9LcleuaeEGUebIA57c0SYbJQLFy7oV0druJoOKEWM4xGZwzCCqk>.

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Bishop Persico of the Diocese of Erie is interviewed by EWTN. DiNardo: Failure of episcopal leadership;

Persico: (1:04) Bishops who covered up should resign? "I think they should", with seeming equivocation. To regain people's trust bishops have to show complete transparency. Narrative element: "As I've been saying".

(2:19) Negligent bishops need to be removed. Transparency = truthfulness, don't hide;

(2:55) Corrects "involved in" with "involved with" the Grand Jury. Searching for words.

(4:52) Persico meeting with victims "constantly..meeting tomorrow..some on the phone [face touching]". Diocese has been proactive

(5:05) "since it all started". [six years after becoming bishop, and forced by a grand jury] ".very early on we publicized" cases "on our website".

Archived: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuOMZFp3Vvc>

Lafferty, S. & JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2018, August 16). Bishop Persico web extra [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJJA3fofyiM>.

Bishop Lawrence Persico comments on 40th PA Grand Jury issues in this extended interview with Sean Lafferty of JET24 FOX66 YourErie. Questions are muted for some reason in the original recording.

Persico Answer #1 (:44) Matter of fact tone re: laundry list of how things were done, "disturbing".

Answer #2 (1:32) In response to Shapiro, generally defending Bishop Trautman as not doing something on purpose, as trying to reconcile something between perpetrator and victim in some case. "His style was not to publicize names".

Answer #3 (2:02) On someone interpreting Trautman's actions from reading the Report, or speaking from some unknown confession of Trautman.

Answer #4 (2:49) Victim calls.

Answer #5 (3:44) Persico would not look at adding Trautman to the list...Knowing him and how he operated. Call it contextualizing when he suggests there were no records when Trautman became bishop of Erie. Trautman created records and put people out of ministry. "None of that was done before him". Contrasts Watson case, which mirrors Persico's handling of Denise Geitner allegations with this writer. Context appears to be whether to sanction predecessors. By his own criteria Persico should not be a bishop.

Answer #6 SL: Report suggests cooperation only came after search warrants, "...why the delay in complete transparency?" (5:07) on his firing of Jones-Day in early 2017.

Answer #7 (5:38) Supports criminal statute of limitations reform. Persico claiming to have believed the Grand Jury Report was going to list names of lay offenders. Says that civil SOL reform has to be "across the board" public and private institutions but nowhere supports even that broad reform.

Answer #8 (6:52) About lawsuit/s.

Answer #9 (7:08) Claims no named priests are in ministry.

Answer #10 SL: What do you say to those who have lost their faith? (7:34) "These people have been betrayed." "Bishops and priests are held to a higher standard", as he uses worldly standards and means to withhold information. "How can you argue" with people who walk away? Abusers are sinners. (8:38) Lafferty thanks Persico for the interview and appears to go to a break, then resumes questions

Answer #11 (9:14) Persico on being thanked by victims for listing their perpetrator. Co-opting the narrative of giving voice and validation to survivors, after sitting on names, indifferent to files, etc.

Answer #12 (10:19) Action is required. Be transparent. Dinners recruiting "young people" and 7 new seminarians as somehow evidence. SL: "In the days since..[trails off]"

Answer #13 (11:53) [Aw shucks tone] didn't know doing the right thing in Erie was going to get so much attention, one day after a report chastising Erie for not doing the right thing. Making light of the pressure of being interviewed when victims have had to speak of sexual molestation at the hands of priests and coverup by bishops. "You're fine. You're local." Ends by sounding resigned and tolerant to further abuse.

Total time (12:56), archived. YourErie Extended Persico interview [original]: <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/extended-interview-with-bishop-lawrence-persico-on-statute-of-limitations-and-the-report-comments/>. Reporting and partial video, but with [some of Lafferty's questions here](#).

Dudzik, K. (2018, August 17). Will Will New York follow Pennsylvania's lead in church investigation?: Priest sex abuse survivors want to know why New York hasn't launched an investigation into the Catholic Church. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/will-new-york-follow-pennsylvanias-lead-in-church-investigation/71-585313727>

"I think victims have a right to sue the church, but I think something even more important is at stake and that's forcing the process, the legal process of discovery because even as the state might potentially conduct an investigation, individual victims have a right to bring their cases forward," says Faluszczyk. Archived. Video: https://www.wgrz.com/video/news/local/will-new-york-follow-pennsylvanias-lead/71-8224154?fbclid=IwAR3Naa64ng4AXGVMV-9mbDLbMeuPKxdyMJ5tF9fSd3we7yLA_dKtY5gu_co With Erie County (NY) DA Flynn, and comments from the office of NYAG.

Woodruff, J. (2018, August 17). "Failure of leadership" allowed widespread church sex abuse [Video]. PBS NewsHour. <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-failure-of-leadership-allowed-widespread-church-sex-abuse-says-pennsylvania-bishop>

Judy Woodruff of PBS NewsHour quotes my prior interview with NPR's Lisa Mullins in challenging Bishop Lawrence Persico's narrative. Go here for my 07_16_2018 interview with Here & Now's Lisa Mullins: <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2018/08/16/former-priest-abuse-survivor> Faluszczyk: "I think Bishop Persico is styling himself as somehow transparent or outside of the norm of the other bishops in the state of Pennsylvania or in the country," he says. "But I can say that when I told him about Father Martin, he did not enact the investigatory protocols of the Dallas charter." Bishop Persico responding to my allegations, and lying about "hearing this for the first time". (1:26) archival clip: <https://youtu.be/2ANubBnpyR8?si=oSQeadBLFIhUb4RJ>

News Editorial Board. (2018, August 19). Editorial: Follow Pennsylvania's lead on clergy abuse. Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-follow-pennsylvanias-lead-on-clergy-abuse/article_53941649-26c0-5b20-b73a-ef4430459686.html

Associated Press. (2018, August 20). The Latest: Sex abuse victim says pope offering no solutions | AP News. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/91aa39e3a70b4eb2b086d5e9d0c59a88>

[James] Faluszczyk (fuh-LOO'-zak) said Monday that if the pope can't immediately offer solutions, he should step aside so Roman Catholics can find another pope who can. Faluszczyk suggested the pope strip titles from certain church officials. Archived.

Mann, H., & Gordon, K. (2018, August 20). Ex-priest who was called "lucky" to have "only" been abused 15 times reacts to Pope's letter | CBC Radio. CBC. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-monday-edition-1.4791665/ex-priest-who-was-called-lucky-to-have-only-been-abused-15-times-reacts-to-pope-s-letter-1.4791669>

Faluszczyk: "I think that they are caught in an amateurish position. I think that members of the hierarchy are just so separated from their people. They don't understand what the everyday lives of people or the everyday expectations of Catholics might be. I just simply don't think that they know how to respond. For example, Francis today in a letter calls for laypeople to pray and to fast and to do penance to resolve this crisis. It shouldn't be laypeople doing penance it should be the bishops. It's just so flat footed and vague and boilerplate. And I think all of this is a means of showing that

they're just divorced from reality." Archived. Transcript: <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-monday-edition-1.4791665/august-20-2018-episode-transcript-1.4793311>

Lazarski, L. (2018, August 20). Former priest with insider view among the 1,000 victims in Pa. clergy abuse report. WHYY. <https://whyy.org/articles/former-priest-with-insider-view-among-the-1000-victims-in-pa-clergy-abuse-report/>

"I was happy with my assignments, I was happy with my work. The atmosphere was intolerable — being around other priests that were creepy or leering at you or propositioning you," Faluszczyk said. "There were just constant reminders to me that this is how Father Martin got away with what he did." (5:24) audio, archived.

Deutsche Welle. (2018, August 20). Schmerz von Missbrauchsoffern lange ignoriert. dw.com. <https://www.dw.com/de/franziskus-kirche-hat-schmerz-von-missbrauchsoffern-lange-ignoriert/a-45144579>

The pain of abuse victims has long been ignored.

Shapiro, J. (2018j, August 20). Attorney General Shapiro's statement in response to the letter from Pope Francis regarding child sex abuse in the Church [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-shapiros-statement-in-response-to-the-letter-from-pope-francis-regarding-child-sex-abuse-in-the-church/>

"It is my hope that, following the Holy Father's words and teachings, Church leaders in Pennsylvania will cease their denials and deflections and now fully support the Grand Jury's recommendations so that survivors have the opportunity to obtain justice and ensure this type of widespread abuse and cover up never happens again," Shapiro said. Archived.

Associated Press. (2018a, August 20). Sex abuse victim says pope offering no solutions. Atlantic CTV. <https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/sex-abuse-victim-says-pope-offering-no-solutions-1.4060436>

Syndicated to CTV Canada.

Moran, J. (2018, August 21). Victim offers perspective on Pennsylvania Catholic sexual abuse scandal [audio]. WBFO NPR Buffalo. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2018-08-21/victim-offers-perspective-on-pennsylvania-catholic-sexual-abuse-scandal>

James Faluszczyk brought his story to WBFO. That story was also part of the testimony provided to the Pennsylvania Attorney General as he was building a stunning case that claims widespread sexual abuse conducted by priests who preyed upon young people. The case also claims Bishops worked to cover up the scandal. (14:18), archived.

Chauvin, F. (2018, August 23). Scandale de pédophilie : quelles sanctions? Arte TV. https://www.arte.tv/fr/videos/084349-000-A/scandale-de-pedophilie-quelles-sanctions/?fbclid=IwAR0h7BOW_TRWbcDMjupbu4ayGWzxnFyJHpf3iJZ81sMH0IUvMKUPrhBRO1w

Removed. Mini doc of me, Garabedian, and Persico in France and Germany. Video, archived.

Mazurowski, B. (2018, August 23). Priest abuse victim speaks out: James Faluszczyk. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

Live beginning at 8:02am (17:47) audio, archived. Partial (6:15) interview available at WBEN's Facebook: <https://fb.watch/oBMB1UZR6o/>

Catholic News Service. (2023, September 27). Bishop Persico Jim VanSickle Co-Op of SNAP demonstration [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jfDkhJyOA4w>

News story. Catholic News Service video news of Bishop Persico of the Diocese of Erie seemingly impromptu meeting with survivors. Blindsiding demonstrators across the street from the Diocese of Erie chancery, survivor Jim VanSickle arranges a milder demonstration, having invited documentarians from the USCCB media arm Catholic News Service. SNAP members said after they did not consent to being featured in USCCB propaganda with Bishop Persico. (1:36) on disc, video

archived and title by James Faluszczyk in the absence of an extant source: <https://youtu.be/jfDkhJyOA4w>

Catholic News Service. (2018, December 20). A Church in Crisis (Documentary) [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AK_eFagfb6o

After blindsiding demonstrators across the street from the Diocese of Erie chancery, survivor Jim VanSickle arranges a milder demonstration, having invited documentarians from USCCB media arm Catholic News Service. SNAP members said after they did not consent to being featured in USCCB propaganda with Bishop Persico. (56:00) on disc, archived: <https://youtu.be/4qzQcBbpf70>

Specht, C. (2018a, August 22). 7 I-TEAM: Buffalo Bishop Malone returned priest to ministry after allegations involving a child. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-buffalo-bishop-malone-returned-priest-to-ministry-after-allegations-involving-a-child>

The case of Fr. Art Smith, later investigated by James Faluszczyk and found to have been employed by the USCCB and working under the auspices of the Archdiocese of New York [unreported]. Story archived.

Specht, C. (2018a, August 23). 7 I-TEAM: Buffalo Bishop Malone allowed Amherst priest to remain pastor despite abuse allegations. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-buffalo-bishop-malone-allowed-amherst-priest-to-remain-pastor-despite-abuse-allegations>

The case of Fr. Robert Yetter, the secretary to Buffalo Auxiliary Bishop Donald W. Trautman. Archived.

Dudzik, K. (2018b, August 24). Deacon and former priest call for Bishop Malone to resign. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/deacon-and-former-priest-call-for-bishop-malone-to-resign/71-587423396>

With Erie County (NY) District Attorney John Flynn and Deacon Paul Snyder. "James Faluszczyk served in active ministry as a priest for 18 years. He testified in Pennsylvania about being abused by a priest as a teen. Faluszczyk called on Malone to resign months ago. "It's clear Bishop Malone needs to resign. He has no credibility," Faluszczyk said. Video (2:14), archived.

Polaneczky, R. (2018, August 24). Sex-abuse victims deserve a grand-jury investigation of politicians who block justice | Ronnie Polaneczky. <https://www.inquirer.com>. https://www.inquirer.com/philly/columnists/ronnie_polaneczky/sex-abuse-victims-grand-jury-catholic-clergy-mark-rozzi-20180824.html

AP Photo and advocacy for an investigation into why Pennsylvania has not had a lookback window in the statute of limitations (SOL) so victims of clergy sexual abuse can force discovery and sue the Church for what was perpetrated on them. Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20200814234045/https://www.inquirer.com/philly/columnists/ronnie_polaneczky/sex-abuse-victims-grand-jury-catholic-clergy-mark-rozzi-20180824.html

DeMentri, N. (2018, August 25). Abuse victims sound off on Bishop Malone. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/abuse-victims-sound-off-on-bishop-malone>

Calls for a NYS investigation of the Catholic Church.

Specht, C. (2018f, August 27). Embattled Buffalo Bishop Malone defies calls for his resignation. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/buffalo-bishop-malone-announces-he-will-not-resign>

"He conducted a press conference in a chapel in front of a tabernacle," said Faluszczyk, who is an abuse survivor and a Catholic priest. "He seems to be using Catholic imagery and Catholic sensitivities to style himself as someone who's going to act differently than he has up to this point. I regard this news conference today as shameless." Archived.

Ahern, M. A. (2018, August 28). RAW Interview: Cardinal Cupich responds to questions about Cardinal McCarrick and bombshell Viganò memo. NBC Chicago. <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/cardinal-cupich-interview-questions-cardinal-mccarrick-allegations/174670/>

Multiple embedded videos of Cardinal Cupich fielding questions about Pope Francis' handling of clergy sex abuse cases. "The Pope has a bigger agenda," Cardinal Cupich said. "He's got to get on with other things, of talking about the environment and protecting migrants and carrying on the work of the church. We're not going to go down a rabbit hole on this." Archived.

Editorial Board. (2018, August 29). Editorial: Bishop Malone should resign. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-bishop-malone-should-resign/article_c3b96f06-bab0-59f2-8178-ecface9d83ac.html

"Rejecting public calls to resign, Bishop Richard J. Malone on Sunday used a biblical metaphor. "The shepherd does not desert the flock in a difficult time," he said. The sad truth is that Bishop Malone has lost his way, as well as his credibility, in his handling of abuse allegations against priests in the Diocese of Buffalo. It is time for him to step down. The diocese needs a leader who is not confused about the nature of the crisis enveloping the church." Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20221108223006/https://buffalonews.com/opinion/editorial/editorial-bishop-malone-should-resign/article_c3b96f06-bab0-59f2-8178-ecface9d83ac.html

Schanz, J. (2018, August 31). Church letter sparks concern from some members. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/church-letter-sparks-concern-from-some-members/>

Call it a crime. "I think there's a certain type of Catholic that would be edified by this type of language. That would say 'Oh, we're finally hearing something preached about sin and evil,' and I would certainly say that type of preaching needs to take place. But not first and foremost within the context of the phenomenon of clergy sexual abuse," Faluszczyk said.

T13 Chile, & Perez, M. (2018, September 3). Las víctimas de Pensilvania #ReportajesT13 [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INqNA-Evs-4>

Faluszczyk: "The coverup did more damage to me than the actual abuse. It's been more damaging to me the fact that I went to two bishops about what happened to me and they acted as if they didn't believe me." Archived: <https://youtu.be/FzV0SKsQCGs>

Coulombis, A., & Navratil, L. (2018, September 5). Clergy members allege leaks in sexual abuse probe. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2018/09/05/Clergy-members-allege-leaks-in-sexual-abuse-probe/stories/201809050208?fbclid=IwAR3QQ9ltNO3i-MomAtPQo4PzXb1GZlcyR9T-RebA6A7btn05eF1dcn9kqiM>

"In a 95-page brief filed with the state Supreme Court this week, attorney Justin Danilewitz alleged that the leaks "publicly revealed the identities of two" clergy members whose information is shielded from the redacted version of a state grand jury report on clergy abuse in six of the state's eight Roman Catholic dioceses." AG Spokesperson Joe Grace on diligent grand jury secrecy. Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20231116130943/https://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2018/09/05/Clergy-members-allege-leaks-in-sexual-abuse-probe/stories/201809050208>

Baggerman, M. (2018, September 6). Faluszczyk on investigation of the Diocese of Buffalo by the State Attorney General. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

James Faluszczyk on interaction between the state AG and county DA at the outset of the investigation of the Diocese of Buffalo by the state. The investigation is a result of our calling attention to the discrepancy between the number of abusers given by Bishop Malone, and the actual number. (7:53) audio, archived.

Dudzik, K. (2018c, September 6). What could be next in the AG's investigation into the Catholic Church. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/what-could-be-next-in-the-ags-investigation-into-the-catholic-church/71-591714964>

On being patient at the launch of New York's investigation into clergy sexual abuse. "You're not alone. There are many of us ready to stand with you, and you don't have to stand out here like this to have an impact either," says abuse survivor James Faluszczyk. Faluszczyk is one of the witnesses who testified in the Pennsylvania investigation. He says he was abused by a priest when he was a teen. "It was two years ago about now that I testified before the grand jury in Pennsylvania, and that report just came out last month," says Faluszczyk. (2:25), video, archived.

Associated Press, & Schanz, J. (2018, September 6). New York AG launches civil investigation into alleged cover-ups of clergy sex abuse. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/new-york-ag-launches-civil-investigation-into-alleged-cover-ups-of-clergy-sex-abuse/>

"Two years ago was when I began my involvement with the Grand Jury investigation in Pennsylvania. And we've only just now seen the result of all of that work. And so this really is very much the beginning of this in the state of New York," Faluszczyk said. (2:25) video: <https://www.wivb.com/news/new-york-ag-launches-civil-investigation-into-alleged-cover-ups-of-clergy-sex-abuse/>

Tokasz, J. (2018d, September 6). AG launches statewide clergy abuse investigation, subpoenas Catholic dioceses. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/ag-launches-statewide-clergy-abuse-probe-subpoenas-catholic-dioceses/article_8e55c931-1797-5f15-9523-c474bf8d65c3.html

"One of the protesters, James Faluszczyk, called the announcement of a statewide civil investigation in New York a start, but he also urged Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo to issue an executive order that would allow the Attorney General's Office to use a grand jury to pursue a statewide criminal investigation, like Pennsylvania did.

"If it requires the governor to issue an executive order, I think that's what needs to happen, because you're talking about criminal matters," said Faluszczyk, a clergy abuse survivor and former priest who attended Christ the King Seminary in Aurora and now lives in Buffalo.

Two years ago, Faluszczyk called the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office hotline to report his own experiences. He ended up testifying before the Pennsylvania grand jury regarding abuse in the Erie Diocese. He's encouraging survivors of clergy abuse in Buffalo and other dioceses in this state to contact the New York Attorney General's hotline. The AG's Office clergy abuse hotline is 1-800-771-7755. Complaints also can be filed at ag.ny.gov/ClergyAbuse."

Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20201109105726/https://buffalonews.com/news/local/ag-launches-statewide-clergy-abuse-probe-subpoenas-catholic-dioceses/article_8e55c931-1797-5f15-9523-c474bf8d65c3.html

Shapiro, J. (2018m, September 6). Attorney General Shapiro issues statement as New York, New Jersey join other states in investigating sexual abuse of children in Catholic Church [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-shapiro-issues-statement-as-new-york-new-jersey-join-other-states-in-investigating-sexual-abuse-of-children-in-catholic-church/>

"More than a dozen attorneys general and a senior official at the Department of Justice have reached out to me since we released the Grand Jury Report last month," said Attorney General Shapiro. "Our work in Pennsylvania has spurred a movement – the time for institutions to place their own interests above protecting our children is over." Archived.

Baggerman, M. (2018b, September 7). James Faluszczyk on New York Attorney General Underwood begins investigation of the Catholic Church. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

James Faluszczyk on the launch of the New York Attorney General investigation of all the dioceses in the state. My description of the grand jury investigation. (11:56) audio, archived.

Yang, J. (2018, September 9). Gov't, police, politicians complicit in Catholic clergy child rape. Liberation. <https://www.liberationnews.org/children-raped-clergy-speak-demand-justice/>

James Faluszczyk, another abuse survivor who is himself a Catholic priest, said he "witnessed abuse first hand," and that "it appeared to be a part of the church DNA; it was an epidemic," He continued, "I felt called to be a priest, and ... as I made my way through ministry, it

appeared clear to me that this was a systemic issue." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180910075515/https://www.liberationnews.org/children-raped-clergy-speak-demand-justice/>

Schanz, J. (2018b, September 11). Survivors of clergy sex abuse share common struggle. WICV 4 CBS Buffalo. https://www.wivb.com/news/survivors-of-clergy-sex-abuse-share-common-struggle/?fbclid=IwAR1k0re1oW_8IKxVLK5GyOrXcsBLauJizznXZpwQffLE0_CNXQ3o5lar6MY

Triage for sexual abuse: "I tried to minimize it and that's ultimately what I was using the alcohol for was, I was having this creeping sense of anxiety. I was having flashbacks," Faluszczyk, who is also a former priest, told News 4. (2:40), archived: <https://youtu.be/sy9eoRiOK9w>

Bazan, J. (2018, September 12). Catholics call on church leadership to force out Bishop Malone. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/catholics-call-on-church-leadership-to-force-out-bishop-malone?fbclid=IwAR22gy552QKslmKw3K8loVXq1SldTZ4OwANWyEU6bcW1-UJYSc0V-99QDCM>

Calling on Archbishop Pierre to remove Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone. "Bishop Malone lied to the people of Western New York," James Faluszczyk said. He says he was abused by a priest while growing up in Erie, Pennsylvania. "Bishop Malone lied to the Catholic community here." Archived.

Specht, C. (2018c, September 12). 7 I-TEAM: Church records show more than 100 accused priests, not 42 as stated by Bishop Malone. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-church-record-show-more-than-100-accused-priests-not-42-as-stated-by-bishop-malone>

The case of Fr. Fabian Maryanski; Stephanie McIntyre. Saying mass in Harris Hill under the auspices of accused Fr. Ronald Sajdak. Story archived. A secret database of 246 Buffalo priests, 324 total names. Buffalo secret archives aka "The Well", perhaps an unintentional parallel to the Tuam babies. Outstanding investigative reporting by Charlie Specht and I-Team photojournalist Jeff Wick. Diocesan documents, story archived.

Jolly, K. (2018, September 13). Protesters target Malone at Catholic Charities convention. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2018/09/12/catholic-charities-convention-protest>

"Right across the street from the Buffalo Convention Center where one of the highest-ranking members of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, was the keynote speaker at the Catholic Charities National Convention, a handful of protestors carried signs calling for the head of the Buffalo Diocese Bishop Richard Malone to step down." Archived.

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018b, September 15). Diocese of Erie abuse probe cost \$4M. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20180915/catholic-diocese-of-eries-abuse-probe-cost-4-million?fbclid=IwAR2mODkUN-KeLqspOmqKzEH9tVv1sYPCY7m6wKuNBLhY_fymBpvR8hGnHM

Removed for the Erie Times News webpage.

Shapiro, J. (2018m, September 18). Attorney General Shapiro, State Rep. Stephens, Local DAs, support reform to strengthen mandatory reporting of sexual abuse [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-shapiro-state-rep-stephens-local-das-support-reform-to-strengthen-mandatory-reporting-of-sexual-abuse/>

"Attorney General Shapiro was joined at the Attorney General's Trooper office by State Rep. Todd Stephens (R-151), Sen. John Rafferty (R-44), Montgomery County D.A. Kevin Steele, Bucks County D.A. Matthew Weintraub, PA Victim Advocate Jennifer Storm, and victims and their families of child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy." Archived.

Child USA. (2018, September 18). It's time to pass the window to justice [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnzBGmk4u3k>

Advertisement lobbying for passage of statute of limitations reform in Pennsylvania. Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018c, September 24). The Survivors have spoken - the Grand Jury has spoken - yet our laws remain silent. It's time that we usher in a new dawn of justice and protect those who have been victims of sexual abuse. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oI0GG7azg/>

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro 4 Recs for Justice Rally in Harrisburg Pre-Game. (:55), archived: <https://youtube.com/shorts/1a11M95jm8c?si=kYvBzF2zaslRQfLs>

#4RecsForJustice. (2018, September 24). Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/PaAttorneyGen/videos/325259278232418/>

Harrisburg rally. PA AG Shapiro Official Facebook post: "#4RecsForJustice Our laws can't remain toothless. Our citizens can't remain defenseless. Our prosecutors can't remain legally incapacitated. We're better than this, and tonight, we're all here to SPEAK UP for change." Attorney General's official Facebook video: <https://fb.watch/obuy0bR0Oe/>. (1:29:6), archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018m, September 26). Office of Attorney General Josh Shapiro argues before PA Supreme Court to release full grand jury report on child sex abuse [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/office-of-attorney-general-josh-shapiro-argues-before-pa-supreme-court-to-release-full-grand-jury-report-on-child-sex-abuse/>

"At issue before the Court today was the publication of a full, unredacted Report of the Grand Jury, including the names of every predator priest as identified by the Grand Jury during its two-year investigation. An interim, redacted version of the Report was released to the public on August 14." Archived.

Darragh, T. (2018, September 26). Attorney general: Allentown Bishop Schlert helped cover up child sex abuse. The Morning Call. <https://www.mcall.com/2018/09/26/attorney-general-allentown-bishop-schlert-helped-cover-up-child-sex-abuse/>

"Attorney General Josh Shapiro, in Allentown Tuesday for the first time since the release of the grand jury report on child sex abuse in six Catholic dioceses, said it is "unconscionable" that Allentown Bishop Alfred Schlert is leading the diocese after handling the cases of predator priests." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20180927004237/http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-ews-shapiro-allentown-20180920-story.html>

Specht, C. (2018g, September 27). Fr. Joe Gatto, pres. of Buffalo Diocese seminary, placed on leave after sexual misconduct allegation. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/fr-joe-gatto-president-of-buffalo-diocese-seminary-faces-sexual-misconduct-allegation?fbclid=IwAR0zeZyXg6-nrjnq3RmcYUY8O5CkTvPjqJ_851HEJiyiUe0Xbve00E_PVqo

"I'm not aware of anything and I'm shocked," Gatto said. "My decision to do this [he was placed on leave by the diocese] began almost three months ago [arrangements with Southdown?]. I have no knowledge of it and I'm not going to comment on this." Archived.

Cruz Chellew, J. C. (2018, September 28). "I never thought I would see this day. Our abuser Karadima defrocked and punished. I have a knot in my stomach. A criminal who has ruined so many people's lives with his abuse. I thank Pope Francis for doing this. I hope thousands of survivors feel what I feel today." Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10155536887047027&set=a.359960822026>

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018c, September 29). Trautman's name removed from Gannon University: Honorary doctorate revoked. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20180929/gannon-university-removes-trautmans-name-from-campus?fbclid=IwAR2nc3Lty6tp6pibeLRYCxJt4X5_0GMdAafOSnXgmg553HMH9nMrrlSpiU

"The fallout from the statewide grand jury report on child sexual abuse has reached Gannon University, where the board of trustees erased the name of retired Erie Catholic Bishop Donald W. Trautman from the Roman Catholic school's campus in downtown Erie. In an interview with the Erie Times-News, Trautman said that Gannon President Keith Taylor told him on Friday afternoon that the Gannon board had decided to remove Trautman's name from a house on campus,

revoke an honorary degree that Gannon had bestowed upon him and cancel an annual lecture series that Gannon had been holding in his name." Archived.

Rey, J. (2018, September 30). Catholics gather to pray for victims as Malone seeks forgiveness. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/catholics-gather-to-pray-for-victims-as-malone-seeks-forgiveness/article_57e5f5f2-c4d1-5006-8960-75182c900e01.html

"Outside, though, about a half dozen protesters continued to call for Malone's resignation, including James Faluszczyk, a former priest who now advocates on behalf of victims of clergy abuse. The good Catholics who showed up Sunday are trying to show their support to the victims, Faluszczyk said. "I truly am grateful for them," he said. But the protesters want to see more from leaders in the diocese. "I want to see real accountability, real transparency and a difference in action," Faluszczyk said. Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20220722184549/https://buffalonews.com/news/local/catholics-gather-to-pray-for-victims-as-malone-seeks-forgiveness/article_57e5f5f2-c4d1-5006-8960-75182c900e01.html

WIVB Staff. (2018, October 1). Bishop Malone holds special healing service for victims of sexual abuse. WIVB 2 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/bishop-malone-holds-special-healing-service-for-victims-of-sexual-abuse/>

"Having a service for prayers for healing is more directed at well-meaning Catholics in the pew who are struggling with how to respond to this but as a victim and as an advocate, I don't see Bishop Malone's actions as having any benefit," said James Faluszczyk, a former priest and advocate for sex abuse survivors." (1:04) video, archived.

Patterson, F. (2018, October 1). Bishop apologizes for mishandling two clergy sex abuse cases. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/top-stories/2018/10/01/bishop-apologizes-for-mishandling-two-clergy-sex-abuse-cases#>

Someone who lies to his congregation has no business being a spiritual shepherd. With P.A. Kane, Judith Burns-Quinn of SNAP and Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. On Malone failing to properly handle allegations against priests and adults at least twice. (2:40) video, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20181005180906/https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/top-stories/2018/10/01/bishop-apologizes-for-mishandling-two-clergy-sex-abuse-cases>

Horn, D. (2018, October 1). Catholic video about protecting kids includes bishops accused of failing to protect kids. Cincinnati Enquirer. <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2018/10/01/catholic-video-church-erases-bishops-failed-stop-abuse-child-protection-video-buffalo-new-orleans/1490941002/?fbclid=IwAR2zgGdy7Kqd3y00jdG-2VhwpwqY2YrhuSsrOGtSKrvNQLat2krPW1rBBFBY>

"Officials at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati said the decision to revise the videos came after some leaders of the training program complained about the involvement of Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone and New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20220722184638/https://eu.cincinnati.com/story/news/2018/10/01/catholic-video-church-erases-bishops-failed-stop-abuse-child-protection-video-buffalo-new-orleans/1490941002/>

Plants, R. (2018, October 2). Former priest on bishop being edited from video: The removal of Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone comments from a Catholic Church training video on child abuse prevention is drawing reaction from a former priest who says he was molested as a teenager. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/religion/former-priest-on-bishop-being-edited-from-video/71-600319251>

Former Erie, Pennsylvania priest James Faluszczyk, who says a priest abused him and now advocates for abuse survivors, said Malone was in essence disqualified from such training programs. "It suggests to me that perhaps even his fellow Bishops, the Archbishop of Cincinnati in this case, might regard him as a bit of an embarrassment," Faluszczyk said (2:25) video, archived:

Shapiro, J. (2018d, October 3). Time to Act. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=240770449930238&ref=sharing>

Victims in Shapiro campaign-style ad advocating for SOL reform. Shapiro: "I know that PA has lacked moral & legal clarity when targeting sexual abuse. I know that the PA House agrees & thus voted on a bill to protect victims. I know that Governor Tom Wolf is ready to sign that bill into law. I know that we can do this. PA Senate: You're up." (2:18), archived: https://youtu.be/wJ35Wblfm_w

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018c, October 4). AG disappointed in Erie bishop's stance on abuse lawsuits. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20181004/ag-disappointed-in-erie-bishops-stance-on-abuse-lawsuits?fbclid=IwAR1eRkmm2DDteqMwz9YNTFiSEB_lzOZcW-aNs312FP5ZIKzJ_GsY4_xY7Ks

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Roberts, J. (2018, October 5). Shapiro tells victims, "The script has been flipped. You're the hero. That bishop is the villain." YourErie.com. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/shapiro-tells-victims-the-script-has-been-flipped-youre-the-hero-that-bishop-is-the-villain/>

James Faluszcak, Clergy Abuse Survivor, tells us, "I had been wanting for decades to be heard. I had gone to Bishop Persico, to Bishop Trautman, to multiple diocesan officials and was never heard." (2:11), archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20231116151214/https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/shapiro-tells-victims-the-script-has-been-flipped-youre-the-hero-that-bishop-is-the-villain/>

YourErie Staff. (2018b, October 5). Attorney General tells victims, "I believe you." YourErie.com. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/attorney-general-tells-victims-i-believe-you/>

James Faluszcak, Clergy Abuse Survivor, tells us, "When I testified before the grand jury in October of 2016, I feel like it changed my life. I had been wanting for decades to be heard. I had gone to Bishop Persico, to Bishop Trautman, to multiple Diocesan officials and was never heard." (:54).

Erie News Now Staff. (2018c, October 5). Shapiro meets in Erie with clergy sex abuse victims and advocates. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39238265/shapiro-meets-in-erie-with-clergy-sex-abuse-victims-and-advocates>

"Shapiro said he has been holding similar meetings around the state, trying to rally support for legislation making it easier for child sex abuse victims to sue. After a march and rally in Harrisburg last month, the state house voted in favor of a two year window in the statute."

O'Neill, M. (2018, October 5). AG meets with abuse victims, survivor advocates in Erie. Erie Times-News. <http://www.goerie.com/news/20181005/ag-meets-with-abuse-victims-survivor-advocates-in-erie>

Formerly chastened Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico said Shapiro was "entitled to his opinion" after Shapiro told the Erie Times-News he was disappointed in Persico's stance on the window legislation. "That wasn't Josh Shapiro's opinion," Faluszcak said Friday in response. "That was the opinion of 23 grand jurors, citizens of the state of Pennsylvania." (:44), archived: <https://youtu.be/TJOYGPWyl-Q>

(October 9 2018). United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is put on notice from US Attorneys to hold all files.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. (2018b, October 12). Pope accepts Cardinal Donald Wuerl's resignation but keeps him on in "caretaker" role. <http://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2018/10/12/donald-wuerl-resigns-cardinal-pittsburgh-washington-dc-sexual-abuse-grand-jury-pope-francis/stories/201809140107>

"If Cardinal Wuerl was sincere about his removal from the scene as being a healing gesture, he would simply say at this moment, 'I'm done,'" said Mr. Faluszcak, now of Buffalo, N.Y. "Or at least give us some concrete sense of what the transition's going to look like, because this doesn't look like any other episcopal transition that I've ever seen." Daniel Dye social media referenced. Archived.

Desmond, M. (2018, October 12). Future of Child Victims Act on ballot this Election Day. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/politics/2018-10-12/future-of-child-victims-act-on-ballot-this-election-day>

My remarks on Church-funded efforts to lobby against victims of clergy sexual abuse, and endorsement of Carima El-Beahry for NYS Senate in support of the Child Victims Act. (1:48), audio, archived.

Greenberg, G. (2018, October 15). Fighting for Children PAC endorsed Carima 4 Senate 60th District with James Faluszczyk. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/gary.greenberg.94/posts/10210125970265572>

Fighting for Children PAC's and Gary Greenberg's successful effort to flip the NYS Senate in order to pass the Child Victims Act. Carima El-Beahry: "I support the Child Victims Act, and you should too. In this video of my recent press conference I'm joined by former Catholic priest, abuse survivor, and activist James Faluszczyk, who explains why it's so necessary that we pass this bill, which my opponent Senator Chris Jacobs has helped obstruct." El-Beahry was unsuccessful in her bid. Archived.

CW CBS Philadelphia. (2018, October 17). Fr. David Poulson pleads guilty [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lxRQlzmPmY>

Shapiro: Poulson to be on sex abuser registry a minimum of 10 years. (:48) video, archived: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lxRQlzmPmY>

NBC News. (2018, October 17). PA Attorney General Shapiro on Poulson guilty plea [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RicsKgacW_U

PA AG Shapiro on Poulson guilty plea; (2:38) on disc, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018e, October 17). Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Fr. David Poulson's guilty plea. <https://www.facebook.com/PaAttorneyGen/videos/271377083567851/>

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro: "These victims were just 8 and 15 years old when the abuse began. After being assaulted in the rectories, after Mass - Poulson would go further and make them seek forgiveness through confession. All the while, the Diocese or Erie knew and never acted. The Bishop even admitted, yet Poulson was allowed to continue serving in the ministry until we got him." (20:05), archived: <https://youtu.be/w6ukj7BxBGk>

Faluszczyk, J. (2018, October 17). Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, on the plea entered by Fr. David Poulson in Jefferson County today [Press release]. <https://www.eriescd.org/images/pdf/October%2017%20statement%20from%20Bishop%20Lawrence%20Persico.pdf>

"I remain very saddened by every aspect of this situation. Many hearts have been broken, particularly those of the victims and their loved ones. As we did in the Poulson prosecution, we will continue to bring all reports of sexual misconduct with minors to the immediate attention of law enforcement, and fully cooperate with them during their investigation." Persico had a report of sexual misconduct by Fr. David Poulson for six years before he acted, and that was at the behest of a grand jury subpoena and a subsequent raid with a search warrant. Archived.

Wenner, D. (2018, October 18). Survivors say fight to let older abuse victims sue Catholic church isn't over. PennLive/ Patriot News. https://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/10/survivors_say_fight_isnt_over.html

On failure of PA SB261 in the State Senate. Faluszczyk said on Thursday morning he's convinced a majority of senators would have supported the bill passed by the House. But he believes senators caved under pressure from Scarnati, who, Faluszczyk believes, is under the sway of the Catholic church and its lobbyists." Archived.

Specht, C. (2018h, October 18). Buffalo Diocese seminary blamed for sexual culture among priests. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/buffalo-diocese-seminary-blamed-for-sexual->

culture-among-priests?

fbclid=IwAR1Wv29s5SM4enqTHBDGeqWznSZWdMXOAbVtYhgl07Z907VqnbvPS6J7cS8

"My experience among the Catholic clergy, both in Buffalo and in Erie, is that they are over-sexualized, highly sexualized," Faluszczyk said. "When Father Gatto became the rector of Christ the King Seminary, the hypocrisy of that was part of the motivation for me to leave active priestly ministry." (3:29) video, archived: <https://studio.youtube.com/video/EVycTDLsPTc/edit>

Dreher, R. (2018, October 18). RICO vs. The Lavender Mafia. The American Conservative. <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/catholic-rico-lavender-mafia-pennsylvania/>

I shared with grand jury investigators terms like "lavender left" and "daughter of Trent" and coded language used to describe subcultures within the Catholic clergy. Archived.

Mroziak, M. (2018b, October 19). As Diocese confirms federal subpoena, advocates focus on local seminary. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2018-10-19/as-diocese-confirms-federal-subpoena-advocates-focus-on-local-seminary>

"James Faluszczyk, a graduate of Christ the King, stood on the sidewalk just outside St. Louis was abused by his childhood priest in Pennsylvania. Despite this he enrolled at Christ the King years later and, he explained, revealed his own sexual orientation to Father Gatto. He told how a friend of his seeking counseling in 1995 was referred to Gatto. Faluszczyk explained that his friend later detailed sexual activity that went on between the two. He has also collected testimonials from two other claiming to have been sexually contacted by the priest." Archived.

WIVB Staff. (2018, October 19). Former priest calls out Buffalo Diocese on alleged clergy sex abuse. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/former-priest-calls-out-buffalo-diocese-on-alleged-clergy-sex-abuse/1536454360/>

Faluszczyk claims that once Gatto learned he knew of the alleged sexual activity, his deacon ordination came into question. (2:12) video.

Jolly, K. (2018b, October 19). Abuse survivor calling for permanent removal of Father Gatto from seminary. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2018/10/19/abuse-survivor-calling-for-removal-of-father-gatto-->

My sworn testimony on Fr. Joseph Gatto. He shouldn't be anywhere near the seminary. Two victims on the record and one denying. Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery echoing PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro: The Church cannot police itself. Video, archived.

James Faluszczyk. (2018, October 19). 2018_10_19 Allegation against Fr. Joseph Gatto of Christ the King Seminary [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02AyLI29dbY>

Full video, taken by Michael Whalen.

Eli, B. (2018, October 19). Buffalo Diocese under federal investigation. Church Militant. <https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/buffalo-diocese-is-under-federal-investigation>

Homophobic language from this Alt-RC outlet, they sanitize my experience in order to present their outlet as reputable among their clientele. Relies on collaboration with Buffalo reporter Charlie Specht, whose sharing of information was not with my consent. Not archived.

James Faluszczyk. (2018b, October 25). Calling Pennsylvania senators back to session [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLUZyZT16uA>

Speaking at the Pennsylvania Capitol at the Survivor Stand Up rally in support of SB 261. Archived.

Woodall, C., & Kessler, B. (2018, October 26). Feds put Catholic church across the nation on notice: Don't destroy any evidence of abuse. York Daily Record. <https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2018/10/26/catholic-priest-abuse-all-us-dioceses-now-included-federal-investigation/1779082002/>

"James Faluszczyk, an abuse survivor and former priest who testified before the Pennsylvania grand jury, said he's concerned some records may have already been destroyed or never recorded in the first place." Archived.

Goodstein, L. (2018, October 26). Federal government tells Catholic bishops not to destroy sex abuse documents. The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/26/us/catholic-bishops-sex-abuse.html>

"Catholic bishops have been asked by the federal government to retain their files on a broad array of internal matters, including sexual abuse investigations, and the transfer of priests across state or international borders, or to treatment centers. The request includes documents contained in "secret archives" — the confidential files that are kept by each diocese." Archived.

Specht, C. (2018i, October 30). "Her voice has given voice to the voiceless," victims say of Catholic whistleblower. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/its-time-for-pope-francis-to-instruct-bishop-malone-to-resign-whistleblowers-attorney-says>

"Boston attorney Mitchell Garabedian and survivor advocates Bob Hoatson and Jim Faluszczyk praised O'Connor for having the courage to speak out. "Her voice has given voice to the voiceless," Faluszczyk said. "So many victims now know even in much more stronger terms that they are not alone...that they are heard." Archived.

Keany, B. (2018, October 30). Former assistant to Bishop Malone, Siobhan O'Connor, speaks out. WBEN. <https://wben.radio.com/articles/former-assistant-bishop-malone-siobhan-oconnor-speaks-out>

"Several advocates stood with O'Connor as she faces the local media, including James Faluszczyk who's a former priest and alleged victim of clergy abuse. Faluszczyk had nothing but high praise for the work O'Connor has done in trying to expose the Buffalo Diocese in their mishandling of abuse claims and subsequent coverup. The only thing that I would say this morning is the gratitude that I have for Siobhan O'Connor," he said. "What a courageous individual she is, and I never thought that I would have the honor of standing with her today. Her voice has given voice to the voiceless." Archived.

Tokasz, J. (2018e, October 30). Buffalo bishop's former secretary gave church documents to FBI. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/buffalo-bishops-former-secretary-gave-church-documents-to-fbi/article_27ce7646-b9aa-5350-9d40-38893da06ca7.html

"The former Buffalo Diocese employee who leaked clergy sex abuse documents to a local television station has recently turned over to the FBI some of those documents", reports Tokasz. Archived.

Baggerman, M. (2018c, October 31). James Faluszczyk on the importance of hiring attorney Mitchell Garabedian. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://wben.radio.com/articles/buffalo-diocese-whistleblower-could-face-consequences-speaking-out>

Broken link. WBEN, Mike Baggerman. Paul Cambria and James Faluszczyk on legal exposure, and the benefit of having Mitchell Garabedian as an attorney. Two audio files embedded in long-form story. On Mitchell Garabedian (2:07) audio, archived. On Bishop Malone's shameful retaliation against Siobhan O'Connor. (6:26) audio, archived.

Goshgarian, M. (2018, October 31). Lawyer says whistleblower withstanding diocese "attack"; another priest placed on leave. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2018/10/29/buffalo-diocese-sex-abuse-scandal-60-minutes#>

Faluszczyk remarks removed in later editions. "Whether you're talking about a victim coming forward, a whistleblower coming forward, or an advocate coming forward, it gives other victims courage to come forward," said Faluszczyk. Archived in full: <https://web.archive.org/web/20181030035920/http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2018/10/29/buffalo-diocese-sex-abuse-scandal-60-minutes>

Perlman, M. (2018d, October 31). Buffalo faithful react to Bishop Malone revealing internal emails with whistleblower. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/buffalo-faithful-react-to-bishop-malone-revealing-internal-emails-with-whistleblower/>

On Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone retaliation against whistleblower Siobhan O'Connor: "James Faluszczyk, a former priest and clergy sex abuse survivor says this wasn't the way to respond to these allegations. He said, "The net effect of it is, that it makes him look small, it makes him look vengeful, and he's using material that is showing that this person had high regard for him even in spite of himself." He doesn't believe the Bishop proved anything in the way he reacted to O'Connor's allegation. "Aside from the fact that he doesn't answer the specifics of these allegations about Art Smith, about Father Yetter, or even Dennis Riter, the obvious word that comes to mind is deflection but he's not doing a very good job at it." (2:30) video, archived.

RaChaCha. (2018, October 31). Corporate Jesus. Buffalo Rising. <https://www.buffalorising.com/2018/10/corporate-jesus/?fbclid=IwAR2bejfm3o-uwNPZZGnZxJc1kmej-NiMReX2WDzcGJZ8j0zUTkSXp4uYOzI>

RaChaCha is a pen name. "In the [60 Minutes] report, Father Bob Zilliox said, "I think one of the factors that goes into decision making in terms of administration or leadership within diocese or in parishes is that there's a certain brotherhood. There's a certain mindset that we watch each other's backs." Archived.

Buffalo News Editorial Board. (2018, October 31). Editorial: Bishop Malone's ex-secretary displayed courage. The Buffalo News. <https://web.archive.org/web/20181101051559/https://buffalonews.com/2018/10/31/editorial-one-womans-courage/>

McKinley, D. (2018, November 2). Church, prosecutors make changes to reporting deal. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. <https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/church-prosecutors-make-changes-to-reporting-deal/610789358?fbclid=IwAR00IMQ58jjX0ZxN-KX5jYM7wXZ70vcd4tmr0shHjhFd7J8hkGOkPYqk5ZQ>

Acknowledgement and renewal of the handshake agreement between Erie County (NY) District Attorney John Flynn and the Diocese of Buffalo. Archived.

Horvatits, C. (2018, November 4). Abuse survivor reacts to Bishop Malone's press conference. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/abuse-survivor-reacts-to-bishop-malones-press-conference-2/>

On Diocese of Buffalo press conference: "What are they throwing at us?" Faluszczyk asked. "What are the people in the pew going to get out of this? Is this an event for the press? Is this for the people in the pew? Because I honestly cannot tell what they're trying to accomplish." (3:20) video, archived.

Mroziak, M. (2018c, November 8). With hopes renewed for Child Victims Act passage, Gallivan introduces own version. WBFO. <https://news.wbfo.org/post/hopes-renewed-child-victims-act-passage-gallivan-introduces-own-version>

With Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. (2:11) audio, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2018p, November 8). Statement by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on victims compensation fund proposal [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/statement-by-pennsylvania-attorney-general-josh-shapiro-on-victims-compensation-fund-proposal/>

"It's now clear that the Dioceses acknowledge the Grand Jury accurately unearthed horrific and extensive abuse and cover up and, as a result, victims deserve compensation no matter when their abuse happened," Attorney General Shapiro said. "However, the Grand Jury recommended that victims deserve their day in court – not that the church should be the arbiter of its own punishment. These undefined compensation funds do not give a pass to lawmakers – the Legislature should return to Harrisburg, do their jobs and pass the Grand Jury's four reforms." The first sentence might be regarded as a stretch. Archived.

Watters, C. (2018, November 13). Cat Watters Interviews Tom Doyle, James Faluszczyk, & Robert Hoatson [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BK5HTbjB4ns>
Peoples Internet Radio interview by survivor and activist Catherine April Watters of Tom Doyle, James Faluszczyk, & Robert Hoatson. This is a long and informative interview by Cat Watters, one in a series of internet radio podcasts. (1:53:57), video, archived.

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018d, November 13). Erie's Trautman criticizes media, attorney general report. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20181115/eries-trautman-criticizes-media-attorney-general-report?fbclid=IwAR3-EMziLS1hLOE9I3-9rCmhP1_8hUz74_hov4ZMeijj61FnSVEmAwz2MRg&rssfeed=true
Story removed by the Erie Times News.

JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2018, November 15). Trautman comments [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYoSITcboi4>
Trautman again minimizes victim experience at USCCB Plenary in wake of PA Report. (:43), video, archived.

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018b, November 16). Feds launch abuse probe of Erie Diocese, others. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20181019/feds-launch-abuse-probe-of-erie-diocese-others?fbclid=IwAR0MZ0LKK9k10Bmzyly9eXxfIFyLi_NaVuEw6goAq2NjBTuCRCwv5oygWs8
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WJET 24 ABC Erie. (2018, November 16). NewsMaker – Bishop Lawrence Persico comments on Trautman's remarks at conference. WJET 24 ABC Erie. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/newsmaker-bishop-lawrence-persico-comments-on-trautmans-remarks-at-conference/>
Sean Lafferty of WJET 24 ABC Erie PA interviews Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico after the November 2018 Fall Plenary of the USCCB in Baltimore. Trautman's brazen remarks diminish the horrors victims endure, and diminish the testimony of so many before the PA 40th Investigating Grand Jury. Persico does not condemn Trautman's damaging remarks, and appears to tacitly approve of them. (5:26) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/QHndpKMkK4Q?si=mz07MUybhdGMKQj>

Erie Times-News Staff. (2018e, November 25). Erie's Trautman on comments: Why wouldn't I speak. Erie Times-News. https://www.goerie.com/news/20181125/eries-trautman-on-comments-why-wouldnt-i-speak?fbclid=IwAR28yldK2RzrCF5itK2ui5Yw3DljdsywIDFb27wWGykQ6D_WyBPx37QP1FM
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Shapiro, J. (2018q, December 3). Statement by Attorney General Josh Shapiro on PA Supreme Court ruling on clergy abuse grand jury report [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/statement-by-attorney-general-josh-shapiro-on-pa-supreme-court-ruling-on-clergy-abuse-grand-jury-report/>
"While this Order bars me from releasing the names of these 11 petitioners, nothing in this Order prevents the Dioceses from sharing the shielded names with their parishioners and the public. I call on the Bishops to do so immediately, consistent with their recent calls for transparency." Archive.

DiGiacomo, J., & Cullinane, S. (2018, December 4). Court sides with 11 priests in Pennsylvania abuse report and won't release their names. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2018/12/04/us/pennsylvania-catholic-clergy-abuse/index.html>
"A former priest in the Diocese of Erie who testified to the grand jury is calling on church leaders to share the redacted names. James Faluszczyk, who was abused by a priest as a boy, said he suffered for decades thinking he was the only one abused. Additional victims came forward after he went public with the name of his abuser. He said the grand jury report was his vindication and he believes releasing the names will help other victims heal." The Diocese of Erie will not reveal its two

redacted parties because the cases could not be substantiated, according to diocesan spokesperson Anne-Marie Welsh. Archived.

KDKA Staff. (2018d, December 4). Group calls on Cardinal Daniel DiNardo: "come clean 100 percent." KDKA CBS News Pittsburgh. <https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/road-to-recovery-group-cardinal-dinardo-news-conference/>

James Faluszczyk with Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. (20:45) video.

Woodall, C. (2018, December 4). "Prayer and penance:" More than 78 predator priests in Pa. still paid by Catholic church. York Daily Record. <https://www.ydr.com/story/news/2018/12/04/pa-priest-abuse-predator-priests-still-paid-catholic-church-dioceses-child-sexual-abuse-grand-jury/2143934002/?fbclid=IwAR2l3nkNG46tegPqMwftYf6S8V8s3bGTKo65ZPxPoaRC-mVwjBluSXMgxAk>

"The prayer and penance program is proof the cover-up of child sex abuse continues today, according to James Faluszczyk, a former priest who was abused by priests. "Nothing has changed," he said. Current bishops frequently say child sex abuse is a dark part of the church's past or the sins of the 1970s. But all these men were in positions of power through the cover-up, Faluszczyk said of bishops and church leaders. "You don't become bishop unless the Vatican trusts you to handle this issue the way they want it handled, which is quietly," he said. Archived.

JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2018b, December 5). Bishop Persico speaks at EUP discussion series [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWNPdc7MDI4>

"Why should I", Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico at an Edinboro University forum on clergy sex abuse on releasing the names of two redacted parties still serving in his diocese. (1:59) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/UmAHRK3BqJA>

Woodall, C. (2018b, December 6). More than 78 predator priests still paid by Catholic church in Pennsylvania. 12News NBC Phoenix AZ. <https://www.12news.com/article/news/nation-now/more-than-78-predator-priests-still-paid-by-catholic-church-in-pennsylvania/465-e5ae357c-b156-4d15-9afa-c822ccca1822>

Syndicated from the York Daily Record.

Woodall, C. (2018c, December 6). More than 78 predator priests still paid by Catholic church in Pennsylvania - Chicago Sun-Times. Chicago Sun-Times. <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2018/12/6/18443642/more-than-78-predator-priests-still-paid-by-catholic-church-in-pennsylvania>

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Pergament, A. (2018, December 7). Maryalice Demler responds after comments at Catholic forum strike a nerve. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/2018/12/07/demler-defends-her-comments-at-church-forum-amid-criticism/?utm_medium=more_stories

Faluszczyk: "I found her remarks to be disturbing," he said. "It was more insinuation than anything about Charlie and Siobhan O'Connor. I was disturbed by her boldfaced posturing as setting herself apart from other journalists. The insinuation about her station's coverage was counter to Charlie and Siobhan. "She said we (at Channel 2) are a professional organization and my colleagues adhere to commonly held professional standards. She didn't name names. But given the context, it is clear what she was insinuating." He felt Demler was criticizing Channel 7's reports, which were augmented by O'Connor's documents. "She said they were unfair in sharing internal documents with only one news outlet," said Faluszczyk. "She criticized the release in drips and drabs. She was insinuating they were trying to keep the story going." Archived.

Tokasz, J., & Herbeck, D. (2018, December 7). FBI engaged in wide-ranging probe of clergy sex abuse in Buffalo [Video]. The Buffalo News. https://web.archive.org/web/20201120040943/https://buffalonews.com/news/local/fbi-engaged-in-wide-ranging-probe-of-clergy-sex-abuse-in-buffalo-diocese/article_c5f00feb-c3bd-5808-af98-eb5de69c27b3.html

Extrapolating from the US Attorney's investigation, reports are gleaned from public clergy abuse survivors, as well as former seminarian Wes Wallawender, who claims to have met with the FBI for several hours in Washington DC.

Spectrum News Staff. (2018, December 14). Claims of abuse substantiated against two priests. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2018/12/14/accusations-abuse-unsubstantiated-two-priests-?fbclid=IwAR2sDrjDETO-pvrWTbVIfv553hGT7wUigtD-bIYCMJv97nFVusrzt6UpuXE>

James Faluszczyk comments on new allegations against Buffalo priests Fabian Maryanski and Mark Wolski, and return to ministry of Frs. Roy Herberger and Frederick Leising. (4:24) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/iyVAW83hC78>

Mroziak, M. (2018d, December 20). Attorney for church sex abuse victims details diocesan offers, renews bishop resignation call. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2018-12-20/attorney-for-church-sex-abuse-victims-details-diocesan-offers-renews-bishop-resignation-call>

"James Faluszczyk, a former priest and himself a sexual abuse survivor, suggests the panel assembled by the diocese to review cases under its Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program lacks the objectivity needed to bring out the whole truth about abuse cases. Two former judges, Jerome Gorski and Barbara Howe, were appointed to conduct reviews for the program. But critics say their Catholic roots create a potential conflict of interest. "If they are appointing Catholic judges, all that that says is here is somebody who potentially has a conflict of interest, who might hold back a fair judgement, against a victim or in favor of a victim, in the interest of protecting the church which they are practicing members of and are perhaps serving," he said. (1:42) audio, archived.

Keaney, B. (2018, December 20). Michael Whelan, Robert Hoatson, James Faluszczyk.mp3. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

Mitchel Garabedian's increasing practice of attending press conferences via Robert Hoatson's telephone. Faluszczyk on Mitchell Garabedian's list of Buffalo offenders. Advocating for Michael Whelan. (35:23) audio, archived.

Specht, C. (2018j, December 21). Victim who exposed abuse crisis offered less than \$50,000 by Buffalo Diocese. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/victim-who-exposed-abuse-crisis-offered-less-than-50-000-by-buffalo-diocese>

Michael Whelan "revictimized" by \$50k compensation offer by Diocese of Buffalo.

On Bishop Donald W. Trautman's pattern of illicit coverup of child sex abuse: "If the Diocese of Buffalo knew about Father Orsolits in the 1980s, why did they sit on this?" asked James Faluszczyk, a former priest and abuse survivor. "And how long have the attorneys who are working for the Diocese of Buffalo been familiar with these allegations...also since the 1980s? Michael Whelan has been suffering with this for decades thinking that he was all alone, when Terry Connors perhaps, or the bishop himself, could very easily could have alleviated some measure of that suffering." Connors, Trautman and Bishop Richard J. Malone did not respond to a request for comment." (4:26) video, archived: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9rCWI5Dj8I&t=12s>

Shapiro, J. (2018q, December 21). Case update: Catholic priest sentenced to prison for sexual assault of a 10-year-old boy in Greensburg Diocese [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/case-update-catholic-priest-sentenced-to-prison-for-sexual-assault-of-10-year-old-boy-in-greensburg-diocese/>

"Today John Sweeney, a predator priest who sexually assaulted a ten-year-old boy in a Catholic church in Westmoreland County two decades ago, was sentenced to prison," said Attorney General Shapiro. "Sweeney pled guilty to using his position as a priest in the Diocese of Greensburg to sexually abuse a child. The young man, Josh, who survived this abuse and who testified against Sweeney is a hero; he spoke out because he was concerned that other children could be harmed. Because of Josh's courage, Sweeney admitted to being a predator and is required to

register as a convicted sexual offender. Justice was served in this case thanks to the bravery of this survivor to come forward and speak his truth." Archived.

Erdley, D. (2018, December 22). Persico's journey turned small-town pastor into bishop at center of controversy. TribLive. <https://archive.triblive.com/local/regional/persicos-journey-turned-small-town-pastor-into-bishop-at-center-of-controversy/>

Missing from TribLive.com. Hagiography on Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico's demeanor over his substantial mishandling of child sexual abuse within his diocese. "James Faluszcak, an abuse survivor and a former priest, resigned his post in the Erie Diocese in 2014 and emerged as a whistleblower. He said Persico was not compassionate or interested when he approached him with his story. "He has been neither progressive nor proactive. He did not do anything until there were going to be admissions with or without him," Faluszcak said. Persico conceded his approach to sexual abuse has evolved. Archived: <https://archive.triblive.com/local/regional/persicos-journey-turned-small-town-pastor-into-bishop-at-center-of-controversy/>

Erdley, D. & Tribune-Review. (2018, December 29). Persico seen as game changer in with clergy abuse stance. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/ad9a4dd049d948eb8bd964cdc59bc4bf>

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Baggerman, M. (2019, January). In Depth - James Faluszcak on Child Victims Act. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

James Faluszcak on why the statute of limitation on child sex abuse should be removed outright, like in cases of murder. (2:36) audio, archived.

McKiernan, T. (2019, January 3). Letter to Cardinal Cupich from Terence McKiernan, January 3, 2019. Bishop Accountability. [https://www.bishop-accountability.org/Statements_and_Letters/2019_01_03_McKiernan_to_Cupich.htm?](https://www.bishop-accountability.org/Statements_and_Letters/2019_01_03_McKiernan_to_Cupich.htm?fbclid=IwAR1ir2Rr1g3lfglnFFucHMfwr2XzFNfckm3AgCAYuD-Z8QgR3NkfuAzbZVM)

[fbclid=IwAR1ir2Rr1g3lfglnFFucHMfwr2XzFNfckm3AgCAYuD-Z8QgR3NkfuAzbZVM](https://www.bishop-accountability.org/Statements_and_Letters/2019_01_03_McKiernan_to_Cupich.htm?fbclid=IwAR1ir2Rr1g3lfglnFFucHMfwr2XzFNfckm3AgCAYuD-Z8QgR3NkfuAzbZVM)

Letter from Terry McKiernan of Bishop Accountability to Cardinal Blase Cupich in advance of the papal summit of presidents of bishops' conferences.

Associated Press. (2019, January 3). AP Exclusive: Big jump in US Catholic dioceses naming names. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/c0478d2d1f094b04b6d1717e2c8a2698>

The impact of the 40th Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury four months later, as multiple states begin their own investigations and issue reports. "Nearly 300" cases identified in Pennsylvania, perhaps reflecting the more accurate nearly 380, which does not seem to have been reported to correct Shapiro's inflated number.

Lauer, C. (2019, January 11). Documenting the US surge in identifying molester Catholic priests. AP Beats. <https://leads.ap.org/best-of-the-states/surge-in-naming-of-abusive-priests>

Chronicling the investigations of select dioceses after the August Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, which will become a theme. Matt Rourke photo.

Shapiro, J. (2019, January 11). Catholic priest sentenced to two and a half to fourteen years in prison for sexual abuse and attempted abuse of two boys in Diocese of Erie [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/catholic-priest-sentenced-to-two-and-a-half-to-fourteen-years-in-prison-for-sexual-abuse-and-attempted-abuse-of-two-boys-in-diocese-of-erie/>

"For more than 7 years, the Diocese of Erie allowed Poulson to remain a priest, even though they knew he was a predator," Attorney General Shapiro said. Archived.

CBS 3 Pittsburgh. (2019, January 11). Former Pennsylvania priest sentenced to 14 years in prison for sexual assault of boy[Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeDrh4UvE1A>

Fr. David Poulson sentencing, led away in handcuffs. (:31) on disc, archived: <https://youtu.be/GeDrh4UvE1A?si=4dTI44AzyIswRuFt>

Shapiro, J. (2019, January 11). A former priest who sexually assaulted children - using the tools of his priesthood to further his abuse & subject innocent Survivors to yrs worth of mental anguish for sick pleasures - has just been sentenced to 30 months to 14 years in prison. Today, we've achieved justice. I charged David Poulson w/ corruption of minors + endangering the welfare of children. His victims were 8 & 15 yrs old. The time of protecting powerful institutions over vulnerable children is over. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/orbeSaa4sD/>

Official PA AG Shapiro Facebook. (20:01) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/Psj3W7TGBGc>

Associated Press. (2019a, January 11). Priest who abused boys, made 1 confess, sentenced to prison. TribLIVE.com. <https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/priest-who-abused-boys-made-1-confess-sentenced-to-prison/>

Photo with Cindy Leech.

Persico, L. (2019, January 11). Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, on the sentencing of Father David Poulson in Jefferson County today [Press release]. <https://www.eriercd.org/images/pdf/Poulson%20sentencing.pdf>

"As part of his plea, Father Poulson agreed to seek laicization, meaning he will no longer be a member of the clergy. He has made the request, and the diocese has sent the necessary documents to the Vatican." Archived.

Baggerman, M. (2019, January). In Depth - James Faluszczyk on Child Victims Act. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

James Faluszczyk on why the statute of limitation on child sex abuse should be removed outright, like in cases of murder. (2:36) audio, archived.

Haight, A. (2019, January 16). Passage of Child Victims Act a priority for Cuomo, advocates. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/01/16/cuomo-pushing-for-child-victims-act-to-be-passed-in-2019>

James Faluszczyk, an abuse victim and a former priest, said he is cautiously optimistic that the Child Victims Act will pass, but he does worry there will be some concessions to get it done. "Is there gonna be an age cap on the CVA? Is the look-back window gonna be two years, which we hope, or will it be less than that?" he wondered. Faluszczyk said he hopes there is no limit on monetary compensation to victims from the Catholic Church, but he said after speaking with other victims, the biggest issue is making church files on priests available to the public. "I think that getting at the truth of this issue is more important to most of us than money is," Faluszczyk said. (1:37) video, archived.

Boorstein, M. (2019, January 16). Cardinal Wuerl apologizes to priests, McCarrick victim, says he forgot he knew about harassment allegations. Washington Post. https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/01/16/cardinal-wuerl-apologizes-priests-mccarrick-victim-says-he-forgot-he-knew-about-harassment-allegations/?fbclid=IwAR3SxPE9CA5KOPwc8-e9qXsE_CXSBPmhc9nifA_MWnwsVn7Wz7Xb5d1Bo

Wuerl forgets the murder of a soul. Archived. https://web.archive.org/web/20190118005002/http://washingtonpost.com/religion/2019/01/16/cardinal-wuerl-apologizes-priests-mccarrick-victim-says-he-forgot-he-knew-about-harassment-allegations/?utm_term=.01466e679f98

Calatrava, A., Pisarenko, N., Winfield, N., & Associated Press. (2019, January 20). AP exclusive: Vatican knew of Argentine bishop misconduct. Miami Herald. <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/>

[article224832520.html?](https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article224832520.html?fbclid=IwAR1GlbqrXe14Oly_WWISKSBzL108Hfao2YWEH2TBucoVaEGFnA9FKnHAwyQ)

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Story missing from site. Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190120165639/https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article224832520.html>

McElwee, J. (2019, January 21). Accused priest remains active at Vatican's doctrinal congregation. National Catholic Reporter. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/accused-priest-remains-active-vaticans-doctrinal-congregation>

Fr. Hermann Geissler, of the Familia spiritualis Opus religious community, better known as "the Work" continued to work in the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as the head of its doctrine section after being accused of soliciting sex in the confessional. Archived.

Horvatits, C. (2019, January 25). What is in the Child Victims Act? WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/what-is-in-the-child-victims-act/>

"I'm going to Albany on Monday to, first of all, thank the members of the Senate and Assembly who are supporting this legislation. I'm going to celebrate with victims," Faluszczyk said. (2:53) video, archived.

Young, A. (2019, January 28). Clergy abuse survivor never thought he'd see Child Victims Act pass. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/01/28/clergy-abuse-victims-react-to-child-victims-act-passage>

Survivor of Eudist priest Fr. Edward Townsend and Cardinal Dougherty High School in Buffalo's Black Rock neighborhood, Gary Astridge on passage of the NY Child Victims Act. Former priest James Faluszczyk was himself a victim of abuse in Pennsylvania. He's now an advocate for survivors in the Buffalo area, and calls this a day of celebration. "This gives victims now an opportunity to seek restitution and redress and more than anything discovery to have their materials brought out into the public because it's not happening through the Diocese," Faluszczyk said in Albany Monday.

Harlan, C. (2019, February 9). Vatican tries to rein in expectations for sexual abuse summit. Washington Post. https://web.archive.org/web/20190209162546/https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/vatican-tries-to-rein-in-expectations-for-sexual-abuse-summit/2019/02/08/129643b8-23f2-11e9-b5b4-1d18dfb7b084_story.html

"I permit myself to say that I've perceived a bit of an inflated expectation," Francis said. "We need to deflate the expectations."

Wagner, P. (2019, February 11). Heading to Rome for clergy sex abuse conference. WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39944537/heading-to-rome-for-clergy-sex-abuse-conference>

Faluszczyk said, "If that gives victims in Pennsylvania and throughout the world greater courage in going to law enforcement as I did then, mission accomplished." Video missing.

DeJesus, I. (2019, February 13). Fund for clergy sex abuse victims: Will it bring healing or protect the Catholic church? Pennlive. <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2019/02/victims-fund-will-it-bring-healing-to-victims-or-insulate-and-protect-the-church.html>

On dioceses offering compensation funds to victims of clergy sexual abuse: "Anytime victims have an avenue to reconstitute their lives it should be regarded as positive," said James Faluszczyk, who grew up in Erie where he was molested by a priest from the local diocese. He testified in the 2018 grand jury investigation. "But these plans are only rolled out where there is a likelihood of legislative statute of limitations reform. These funds, even if they seem to be operated by an outside agency, still work within financial constraints that the diocese decides." With survivor Todd Frey. Archived.

Rocca, F. X. (2019, February 14). 'It will cause a scandal.' The Pope and a trusted U.S. Cardinal clash over sex-abuse crisis. WSJ. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/it-will-cause-a-scandal-the-pope-and-a-trusted->

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Punishment reduced for priest offenders. Archived: [https://web.archive.org/web/20220722191406/https://www.wsj.com/articles/it-will-cause-a-scandal-the-pope-and-a-trusted-u-s-cardinal-clash-over-sex-abuse-crisis-11550156764?](https://web.archive.org/web/20220722191406/https://www.wsj.com/articles/it-will-cause-a-scandal-the-pope-and-a-trusted-u-s-cardinal-clash-over-sex-abuse-crisis-11550156764?mod=e2tw&fbclid=IwAR2d3MTFg9sk06Z5Dvo7KU5-SA60iZ3vrqNpKBvLu_wq5ayKaGqr8vM5aso)
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WIVB Staff. (2019, February 16). Petition moves to keep Bishop Malone from marching in parade. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/petition-moves-to-keep-bishop-malone-from-marching-in-parade/>

"It's not whether the bishop is in a parade, the parade is a question because him being bishop is a question right now. It is a slap in the face, not just to victims, but to ordinary Catholics," said Faluszczak.

Faluszczak, J. (2018, February 16). While I am in Rome I will be carrying pocket-sized photos of victims and any we have lost to clergy sex abuse. If you have not done so already, please message me a pic and a brief description. I will be visiting several churches in Rome and outside the city and will be remembering all of you in my prayers. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczak/posts/10161349904625133>

WIVB News Staff. (2019, February 17). Local clergy abuse victim hopes to send message to Vatican at conference in Rome. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-clergy-abuse-victim-hopes-to-send-message-to-vatican-at-conference-in-rome/>

"The people of Western New York, the Catholics in the pews, are not satisfied with Bishop Malone. So, I am going to take it upon myself to speak for those people who wish to see the Bishop resign. I will take that request to the Pope's doorstep and ask Pope Francis himself "why is Bishop Malone still here," said Faluszczak. (2:45) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/B0yRspHzwr4>

Wagner, P. (2019b, February 18). Two victims in Rome for conference on sex abuse in Catholic Church. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39983617/two-victims-in-rome-for-conference-on-sex-abuse-in-catholic-church>

Video removed by Erie News Now.

Christoforos, A. (2019, February 18). Summit in Rome to address sex abuse crisis in Catholic Church. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/summit-in-rome-to-address-sex-abuse-crisis-in-catholic-church/>

"Anything less than the zero tolerance of Bishops who cover this up without concrete policies and procedures and identified changes in church law, we should regard these meetings as a failure and a waste of time," said Faluszczak. (2:44), video.

Mulraney, F. (2019, February 19). Petition calls on Catholic bishop to stay out of St Patrick's Day parade. IrishCentral.com. <https://www.irishcentral.com/news/bishop-richard-malone-st-patricks-day-parade>

The Buffalo diocese has stated that Bishop Malone will continue to lead the parade, however, with one abuse survivor stating that the tradition should not be removed. James Faluszczak, a survivor of clergy sex abuse, says he doesn't believe Bishop Richard Malone should make a public appearance at the St. Patrick's Day Parade <https://t.co/PO1X3Zw0Vc> News 4, WIVB-TV (@news4buffalo) February 16, 2019.

"He should be able to walk in the parade. It's been a tradition that's been going on for 80 years, why change it?" survivor Michael Whalen told WGRZ. Archived.

Wagner, P. (2019c, February 19). Local survivors in Rome for clergy sex abuse conference. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39989787/local-survivors-in-rome-for-clergy-sex-abuse-conference>

Video missing. Faluszczak said, "Whatever I am doing in this regard I am trying to give my voice to people who like myself even just a year ago was afraid to speak out." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190219234821/https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39989787/local-survivors-in-rome-for-clergy-sex-abuse-conference>

Wagner, P. (2019c, February 19). Local survivors in Rome for clergy sex abuse conference. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/39989787/local-survivors-in-rome-for-clergy-sex-abuse-conference>

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Mroziak, M. (2019a, February 20). Former priest, child sex abuse survivor heads to Rome ahead of bishops' summit. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-02-20/former-priest-child-sex-abuse-survivor-heads-to-rome-ahead-of-bishops-summit>

"As for expectations of movement at the Vatican's summit? Faluszczak says he and other advocates have not set theirs high but he also tells WBFO this crisis is seen by many as the most critical facing the Church since the Protestant Reformation. "If (Pope Francis) doesn't, very soon and concretely with immediate results, reverse course on the way that the Church governs these issues, then it's not even his papacy or reputation that's at stake," he said. "I think it's a whole another generation of Catholics that say 'we've had enough.'" (18:26) audio, archived. Syndicated to WSKG/ NPR/PBS Binghamton NY <https://web.archive.org/web/20220722191610/https://wskg.org/child-sex-abuse-survivor-heads-to-rome-ahead-of-bishops-summit/?fbclid=IwAR0Ym8p98GWSdauKb3azcdMSrRHTxV9LItO49hx4KxtvJOaQDHXLZAJrJhs>

Faluszczak, J. (2019, February 20). "Francis, repair my Church." Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10161364635705133/>

"St. Francis, while he was a young man, and just before he renounced his worldly possessions, received a message from God as he was praying before a crucifix in his home church of San Damiano in Assisi: "Francis, go repair my house, which, as you can see, is falling completely to ruin."

He heard The Lord say this to him three times, which strikes me as similar to the three-fold questions of Jesus to St. Peter: "Do you love me? Feed my sheep." Of course, Jesus said this to Peter after he denied Christ three times during his passion.

I come to you today from the tomb of St. Francis, buried in the crypt of the basilica behind me, to say a few words to and about Pope Francis. I am not far from where St. Francis heard the command of Christ to reform the church.

Jorge Bergoglio is the first pope to take the name Francis, although he is not a Franciscan priest but a Jesuit. It is not simply unprecedented that he would take that name, but he did so coming out of a conclave that clearly sought a reformer-pope. Much of the Church, now as then, is broken and desperately in need of repair.

In the years since he was elected, Pope Francis seems to have attempted some reforms, and in addition to meetings beginning tomorrow with bishops from all over the world, today is the last of several days of meetings with the small group of cardinals he has tasked with wholesale reform of the Vatican.

Are you even aware of their work, or that they have been meeting quarterly since his election? Cardinal Pell, who apparently has been found guilty of the sexual abuse of children was one of these reformer-cardinals who was tasked with reforming the Vatican Bank. He has yet to be disavowed by Pope Francis, and we have recently learned that abuser-priests have, until just the past weeks, worked in Vatican offices that are close to the prosecution of pedophile priests.

Instead of being a reformer, Pope Francis has denied the Lord. He is unworthy of the name Francis. Peter denied Christ three times during his Passion. Francis denies victims the justice and

accountability they deserve. Does he not see Christ in us? Does he not regard our suffering as worthy of his attention?

I came to the conclusion that if a Pope can deny Christ present in the Church's most vulnerable members, then it is nothing for me even as a priest to call the Pope and his bishops to accountability: Pope Francis, repair our lives which have been destroyed. Pope Francis, reconstitute what we have lost. Pope Francis give us clear procedures for the immediate removal of bishops who are covering up abuse now.

This is our passion. This is our moment. This moment in history demands change, not talk and not show. Pope Francis, be true to the name you have assumed as your own."

(6:41) video, archived.

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Francis warned, "those who spend their lives accusing, accusing, and accusing are - I won't say children, because the devil doesn't have any - but they are the friends, cousins and relatives of the devil". Posted at 12:29 on 2019_02_20. Archived.

Miguel, A. (2019, February 21). Foi abusado pelo pároco, a mãe não acreditou e não espera nada desta cimeira. Rádio Renascença. [https://rr.sapo.pt/noticia/141916/foi-abusado-pelo-paroco-a-mae-nao-acreditou-e-nao-espera-nada-desta-cimeira?](https://rr.sapo.pt/noticia/141916/foi-abusado-pelo-paroco-a-mae-nao-acreditou-e-nao-espera-nada-desta-cimeira?fbclid=IwAR01muTwsfWXb4BIMgfEDBxtTOIT9ekebrOT5tYXX60-wvoxgo4uOaOS1Ro)

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Full interview in Portuguese for Radio Renascenca. Archived.

News 4 Staff. (2019, February 21). Former WNY priest, sex abuse survivor, in Rome during papal conference. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/world/former-wny-priest-sex-abuse-survivor-in-rome-during-papal-conference/>

Faluszczak: "It just doesn't seem to me to be the church that Christ intended or would recognize." (1:18) video, archived.

Specht, C. (2019, February 21). Abuse victim to Pope Francis: Fire Bishop Malone, or resign. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/abuse-victim-to-pope-francis-fire-bishop-malone-or-resign>

"I say again as I have said repeatedly here and in Buffalo, that Bishop Malone is disqualified from being bishop," Faluszczak said. "And if Pope Francis will not act on his removal, he is disqualified from being the Bishop of Rome." (1:44) video, archived.

Goshgarian, M. (2019, February 21). Clergy abuse the center of Vatican summit. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/02/22/clergy-abuse-the-center-of-vatican-summit>

"If he [Pope Francis] doesn't get his house in order, the people in the pews who are disgusted by this, who are weary of hearing this, they will vote with their feet and their collection money for zero tolerance," said Faluszczak. Video, archived.

Wagner, P. (2019d, February 22). Survivors in Rome closely monitoring clergy sex abuse conference. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/40011684/survivors-in-rome-closely-monitoring-clergy-sex-abuse-conference>

Faluszczak said, "I think it is fair to say and justifiably so that we are all going to be pretty impatient in anticipating that change." Archived.

Tidey, A. (2019, February 22). Europe briefing: Labour MP quits, FIFA sanctions Chelsea, and Pope Francis on sexual abuse. Euronews. <https://www.euronews.com/2019/02/22/venezuela-aid-row-brexit-defections-and-youth-climate-protests-live-updates>

Live briefing with Giorgia Orlandi of EuroNews at the Papal Summit. (4:21) video, archived.

Munsterman, H., Dijkstra, D., & Nederlands Dagblad. (2019, February 23). 'Hoe kan ik nog priester zijn terwijl ik ben misbruikt door een van hen?' James werd als kind misbruikt. Dit is zijn verhaal over deze traumatische ervaring en de worsteling met zijn roeping. Facebook. https://fb.watch/orAQV_N-Jj/
Nederlands Dagblad Papal Summit Mini. (4:16) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/LSLDL5EtLks>

Mikołajewska, M. (2019, February 23). "Ci, którzy oczekują, że wszystko zostanie naprawione w kilka dni, będą rozczarowani". Trudny szczyt w watykanie. TVN 24 Poland. <https://tvn24.pl/polska/koscielny-szczyt-na-temat-walki-z-pedofilia-ra912217-2300784>

"O tym, że byłem wykorzystywany przez księdza, powiedziałem biskupowi po 21 latach. Byłem roztrzęsiony, płakałem - mówi James Faluszczyk, ofiara księdza pedofila z Pensylwanii. - On spojrzął na mnie, nie dał mi żadnej chusteczki, nie pocieszał, ale zapytał: ile razy do tego doszło? Odpowiedziałem, że 15. A on odpowiedział: dzięki Bogu. Popatrzyłem na niego mniej więcej tak, jak pani patrzy na mnie w tej chwili, zastanawiając się, o co mu chodzi. Powiedział: Jimmy, jesteś szczęściarzem - wspomina w rozmowie z reporterką TVN24." Archived.

N1 Hrvatska. (2019, February 23). Katolički biskupi treći dan slušaju svjedočenja žrtava seksualnog zlostavljanja - N1. N1. <https://n1info.ba/svijet/a318107-katolicki-biskupi-treci-dan-slusaju-svjedocjenja-zrtava-seksualnog-zlostavljanja/>

My message of zero tolerance at the Vatican Summit reported in Croatia. "Poruke koje stižu sa biskupskih rasprava bude određenu nadu i pozitivnost, ali ono što mi očekujemo su konkretni potezi", navodi žrtva zlostavljanja i bivši sveštenik James Faluszczyk. Archived.

Roebuck, J. (2019, February 23). Pa. victims make their presence known at Pope Francis' sex-abuse summit. <https://www.inquirer.com>. <https://www.inquirer.com/news/pope-francis-clergy-sex-abuse-summit-jim-vansickle-shaun-dougherty-jim-faluszczyk-20190223.html>

"James Faluszczyk, a former priest who told the state grand jury about his abuse as a teenager in Erie, said he was looking for an excuse to cancel until the day he boarded his flight. The last time he was in Rome, long before he decided to come out publicly as a victim, he had just been ordained and celebrated Mass at the Altar of St. Thomas in St. Peter's Basilica." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20211202065827/https://www.inquirer.com/news/pope-francis-clergy-sex-abuse-summit-jim-vansickle-shaun-dougherty-jim-faluszczyk-20190223.html>

Roebuck, J. (2019c, February 23). Victims make their presence known at Pope Francis' conference on sexual abuse. NNY360. https://www.nny360.com/news/victims-make-their-presence-known-at-pope-francis-conference-on-sexual-abuse/article_4d616742-c150-54b7-8818-906be7b17c19.html

Philadelphia Inquirer story syndicated to Northern New York 360.

Roebuck, J. (2019a, February 23). Church hierarchy urged to police each other. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2019/02/23/Church-hierarchy-urged-to-police-each-other/stories/201902230040>

Philadelphia Inquirer story syndicated to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Murray, A. (2019, February 24). Local sex abuse survivors frustrated by lack of "action steps" as Pope Francis ends Vatican summit. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2019/02/24/Local-clergy-sex-abuse-survivors-say-Pope-Francis-Rome-VanSickle-Faluszczyk-Erie-Pittsburgh-Greensburg-diocese/stories/201902240198>

"Even though they're now talking about [clergy abuse] as crimes, they're not talking about changing internal procedures," John [sic.] Faluszczyk, a former priest in the Diocese of Erie and a clergy abuse survivor who also was in Rome, said. "That's kind of concerning." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190225053051/https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2019/02/24/>

[Local-clergy-sex-abuse-survivors-say-Pope-Francis-Rome-VanSickle-Faluszczak-Erie-Pittsburgh-Greensburg-diocese/stories/201902240198](https://www.dw.com/en/ex-priest-pope-pointing-a-finger-at-himself/av-47666695)

Gak, M. (2019, February 24). Ex-priest: Pope "pointing a finger" at himself. Deutsche Welle. <https://www.dw.com/en/ex-priest-pope-pointing-a-finger-at-himself/av-47666695>

Removed by DW.com. "The Vatican needs to go much further than just Pope Francis slamming child abuse amid the clergy, abuse survivor and former priest James Faluszczak told DW in Rome. He claims the Church is "incapable of policing itself." (1:55) video, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190224192210/https://www.dw.com/en/ex-priest-pope-pointing-a-finger-at-himself/av-47666695>

SBS News. (2019, February 26). Cardinal George Pell found guilty of sexually abusing two choir boys. [https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/cardinal-george-pell-found-guilty-of-sexually-abusing-two-choir-boys/b76lx7975?](https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/cardinal-george-pell-found-guilty-of-sexually-abusing-two-choir-boys/b76lx7975?%253F=&fbclid=IwAR0ipVpApnWst_IAJWYqa6ikBCLKmvgxz7GQChvA8N7Gq7jp-4EvXL7mz0c)

Cardinal Pell found guilty. Provides context for why altar boys were alone, when this cathedral sacristy is frequently described as crowded as a Pell alibi. My video comments in front of St. Peter Square removed. Archived.

Lewis, B. & SBS News. (2019, February 26). Cardinal George Pell found guilty of sexually abusing two choir boys. SBS News. https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/george-pell-from-catholic-churchs-third-in-command-to-child-sex-charges/39xnhpjm5?fbclid=IwAR0jtoB0Exvn-v3rrvGjjxM13TtxPCczPCgzydHVc4xdmfIAiHa2Z3o_dY8

"Abuse survivor James Faluszczak, a former priest himself, says the Pontiff could have taken stronger action against the Australian already, even with the suppression order in place. "It suggests to me maybe he's afraid of a faction that Cardinal Pell represents within the church," said Mr Faluszczak. "Why hasn't there been a more overt sense that Pope Francis has disavowed him? We don't understand why that hasn't happened." "It suggests to me maybe he's afraid of a faction that Cardinal Pell represents within the church," said Mr Faluszczak. Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20220722191906/https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/george-pell-from-catholic-churchs-third-in-command-to-child-sex-charges/39xnhpjm5?fbclid=IwAR0jtoB0Exvn-v3rrvGjjxM13TtxPCczPCgzydHVc4xdmfIAiHa2Z3o_dY8

Orlandi, G. (2019, February 27). Euronews Papal Summit w/ James Faluszczak [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzxnEnV74Y>

James Faluszczak comments on the Papal Summit live with correspondent Giorgia Orlandi of EuroNews. Archived.

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"A confluence of events", Rochester NY reporting in the wake of passage of the Child Victims Act. Jesuit lawsuits there. Photos and follow-up from prior press conference. [Ed.: Generally, lawyers have given far fewer updates on the status/disposition of CVA and bankruptcy filings in seemingly inverse proportion to the media drummed up prior to closing of the lookback window] Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190806205800/https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2019/02/28/catholic-priest-abuse-rochester-ny-child-victims-act/2949197002/>

John-Hall, A., Ben-Yaacov, S., & WHYY PBS NPR. (2019, February 28). One bishop's conscience: Why the Catholic Church is slow to change amid sex-abuse crisis. WHYY. <https://whyy.org/episodes/one-bishops-conscience-in-light-of-abuse-allegations-why-is-the-catholic-church-so-slow-to-change/>

Following the Papal Summit, hagiographical tropes "ahead of the curve" by and for Diocese of Erie Bishop Lawrence Persico are established by this point. No follow-up to his prior

gaslighting of this victim on The Newshour, the questions for which were derived by NPR interviews prior to the release of the Report. (12:35) audio, archived.

(2:15) The list “which made headlines before we released it..different from other dioceses.”

(2:41) On interactions with bishops and priests in the wake of Persico list release, mixed for and against or “not such a good idea”, purports to have followed his conscience which told him to inform the public, which he has done only partially, and haltingly, to put the public “on guard”.

(3:23) Satisfied with the outcome on policing bishops? Not concrete. “Everyone not on the same page” in terms of the worldwide church and its dioceses in different countries and cultures.

(3:55) Persico expects Pope to issue directives on handling the removal of bishops who abused and cover up.

(4:11) Persico on SNAP Leader Mike McDonnell’s criticism of the Papal Summit. Persico replies with “those people” answer; Speaking of victims: “their anger”. Using third person plurals allows classification and disposition.

(5:52) An example of a Catholic, not a victim, who walked away to avoid exposing kids to the “Church machine”.

(6:09) Persico on winning catholics back, considers walking away understandable, claims cases down since Dallas Charter, many PA Grand Jury cases were decades ago. Persico has the air of a CEO doing damage control, speaking in business rather than spiritual terms panders to what? To whom? Persico is minimizing the scope; by harkening to the past he shifts blame.

(6:38) “Some areas to work on without specifying. He suggests policies and procedures, so does it follow Persico is not satisfied with his own policies and procedures? Or is it everyone else? Either way, not specific.

(6:46) Not done yet 2x but no indication of what he considers still undone.

(6:50) Only concerned with Catholics who have left, what consideration for those in the pew? Clericalist bent demonstrated by Persico, claims policies and procedures will win back those lapsed.

(7:39) Faluszcak: If Persico is about transparency, why did he wait six years to release names? Why not in 2012? That’s not the question. [Interviewer asks Persico to respond, but not before he adds: “Why do you think this is so difficult for the Church”

(8:05) Persico, revisiting how he came to release names, was an “evolution for me too” [Both interviewers assent “Mmm-Hmm at (8:15)].

(8:20) “When I arrived here”, and in Greensburg, the policy was to not release names. So it was an actual policy? Or does he mean it was not addressed in the prior bishop’s and his policies? Again, is Persico just negligent? “Just” a bystander. Did Persico then change his stripes after neglecting victims? Persico again on how talking to victims helped him grow in his understanding. Talks about seeing how victims had been treated prior to him, setting himself as contrary to that, yet never applied any sanction against Trautman, who is central to Erie’s portion of the GJ Report. Persico narrative: I didn’t make the effort to learn names, I was forced to learn names, I saw how victims were badly treated and didn’t want to repeat that, so I released names. There’s not a lot there about the formation of conscience, discernment, or prayer.

(8:57) “So, you know, Jim Faluszcak has his opinion of his criticism and that’s fine. Uh that’s what what he believes in. But, you know, the day I arrived here I didn’t have a clear direction on deciding to release names, reviewing every file the diocese possessed, I was trying to figure out where the light switches were.

(9:22)[B-Y: “Right.”] Neither question answered by Persico or through interviewers: my criticism, or B-Y’s additional on why this is difficult for the church? The headline is a hook, but topically faulty.

(9:27) Persico: “Well, what I can see now in hindsight was all of that covering up and hiding it came back to bite us because it just made it worse. That was the wrong move to make.

(9:38) B-Y: Persico as an established exemplar must be disappointed in the Papal Summit, so is he? No, Persico thinks this has gotten the word across to the Church around the world that “the coverup is over. Start moving forward. And have policies...” “Not at all because of Jesus.

(10:35) On advising his priests how to talk about this issue and the summit in their homilies on Sunday. Persico claims to not have spoken with his priests about this because he is waiting until he sees something concrete from the USCCB or the Vatican. Bureaucratic over pastoral.

Goshgarian, M. (2019b, March 4). Clergy sex abuse survivor weighs in on Pope Summit, Child Victims Act. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/03/04/clergy-sex-abuse-survivor-speaks-out-on-recent-trip-to-vatican-for-papal-summit-and-the-child-victims-law>

"We came away with our particular mission accomplished," said Faluszczak. He and others made their voices heard, calling on the Vatican for evidence and sanctions against bishops' part of the abuse cover-up. "The pope didn't do much of anything. But there was a noticeable change in tone from him. Even while there were some really oddball kinds of things he said, even in the midst of the summit that almost reflected a tone-deaf attitude," said Faluszczak. Video, archived.

Goshgarian, M. (2019c, March 6). Clergy abuse survivor, local attorney sees uptick in caseload since Child Victims Act became law. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/03/06/clergy-abuse-survivor-and-local-attorney-sees-an-uptick-in-caseload-since-child-victims-act-became-law>

I met Attorney Paul Barr, a courageous survivor of clergy sexual abuse, through reporter Mark Goshgarian and this article. "Not every victim is in the position I am," said James Faluszczak, Pennsylvania clergy sexual abuse survivor. Faluszczak, a Buffalo resident, is also part of a select group advocating for others to get the help they need. "I don't want to be talking to the media. I have an ability to talk to the media. My story seems to be compelling enough that you folks have been following it. I'm attempting to use that voice," said Faluszczak. Video, archived.

Faluszczak, J. (2019b, March 10). Rome recap. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10161435782015133/>

(6:10) video, archived.

Faluszczak, J. (2019c, March 13). Pope Francis wrapped up his lenten retreat with fellow Argentine Bishop Gustavo Zanchetta, carrying multiple allegations and witness complaints since 2016, but promoted and still working in the Vatican financial patrimony office. Newly sporting a goatee and the only bishop fixating on the camera while everyone else is praying. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10161445179435133&set=a.10150611129950133>

While I claim the infographic, I do not claim the photo, the origin of which I cannot trace. Please contact me if you know the photo credit so I may cite it.

Persico, L. (2019b, March 14). David L. Poulson laicized [Press release]. <https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/David%20L%20Poulson%20laicized.pdf>

"On March 5, 2019, David Lee Poulson, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Erie, was notified by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and with the approval of the Holy Father, that he was granted a dispensation from all the obligations attached to holy orders (priesthood). Because Mr. Poulson has now been removed from the clerical state, he is forbidden to function as a priest in the Catholic Church and should no longer present himself as a priest and not be admitted as a priest in the celebration of the sacraments." Archived.

WBEN Staff. (2019, March 17). Protesting the Diocese. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/renewed-call-malones-resignation>

With Judith Burns-Quinn of SNAP and Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery. (9:29) audio, archived.

Nefzi, S. (2019, March 26). \$2 million clergy sexual abuse settlement not taken from new 'Victim compensation fund.' YourErie/ WJET 24 ABC. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/2-million-clergy-sexual-abuse-settlement-not-taken-from-new-victim-compensation-fund/>

"When asking Faluszczyk what he believes the Diocese has learned over the course of several sexual abuse claims, he said, "I can't see any evidence of anything that they have learned. They have learned to pay \$4 million to an attorney to conduct an investigation that they should have been on from the beginning. " (:3:00) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/diFparMS2zI?si=2stiOK1a9FrwG3hV>

Associated Press. (2019c, March 26). \$2M settlement to victim who priest made confess after abuse. The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/03/26/us/ap-us-clergy-abuse-pennsylvania.html>

AP content removed by the New York Times. News conference with Mitchell Garabedian and Robert Hoatson. Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190331120708/https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2019/03/26/us/ap-us-clergy-abuse-pennsylvania.html>

Pullella, P. (2019, March 29). Pope signs law to prevent child abuse in Vatican and its embassies. Reuters. https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pope-abuse-vatican-law-idUSKCN1RA170/?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1MsdvOQHpWH2mqxVTFDGrp2gaQfX0k5psJMjwxerAxSbLcsH8gIMD8Iro

"The changes signed by the pope - who is Vatican head of state as well as head of the Church - make it obligatory for superiors and co-workers to report abuse allegations; punish failure to report with dismissal, fines or jail; and offer assistance to victims and families. There are also provisions to protect vulnerable adults. It is the first time a unified and detailed policy for the protection of children has been compiled for the Vatican and its embassies and universities outside the city state." Archived.

(2018, April 1) Media mavens in three markets call their local zoo looking for a reporter.

Palattella, E. (2019, April 1). Advocate, lawyer continue focus on ex-Erie priest case. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/story/news/crime/2019/04/01/advocate-lawyer-continue-focus-on/5553682007/>

Removed by the Erie Times News, Coverage fails to note my involvement alongside Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery, and Mitchell Garabedian who was present remotely. Unusual questioning from Ed Palattella remotely. Suggestive of bias. Archived.

Faluszczyk, J. & NBC Universal. (2019, April 4). My life a year later..more equipment. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczyk/posts/10161525969725133>

Preceded by days of phone calls with NBC news editors, the studio crew came from Cleveland in a big van, and finally Anne Thompson alighted in Buffalo for an interview they never aired. She and her team were leading me to break news on the FBI investigation of the Diocese of Buffalo, which I did not provide. Former seminarian and conspiracy theorist Wes Wallawender somehow gassed them up, because they asked questions about him. Photos, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2019b, April 5). Another busy week #KeepingItBrief. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/osFlejWhik/>
PA AG Josh Shapiro from video: "This week we kicked off Child Abuse Prevention Month thanking survivors and providing resources." (:36) video, archived: <https://youtube.com/shorts/OX0dQUh-Dfw>

Persico, L. (2019c, April 5). Diocese of Erie releases fifth update to its Public Disclosure List [Press release]. <https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/Diocese%20of%20Erie%20updates%20Public%20Disclosure%20List.pdf>

New priests under investigation, both deceased: Fr. Stephen A. Anderson, Msgr. Conrad L. Kraus. Archived.

A Peloton of One @OfPeloton. (2019, April 8). Thanks for the love and support at r #Kickstarter campaign special thanks to @BobHoatson @GallAmir [sic.] (James Faluszczyk) for their tireless work on

behalf of #CSA #survivors worldwide. To support r film please visit <http://kck.st/2uVik3g> #stopabuse. X, Formerly Known as Twitter. <https://x.com/OfPeloton/status/1115337915557732353?s=20>

In New York building support for the documentary of survivor Dave Ohlmuller. The law firm of Phillips & Paolicelli became an Executive Producer of the film through my leadership.

CNA Staff. (2019, April 10). Full text of Benedict XVI essay: The Church and the scandal of sexual abuse. Catholic News Agency. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/41013/full-text-of-benedict-xvi-essay-the-church-and-the-scandal-of-sexual-abuse>

This bombshell assessment of the causes of sexual abuse of children by clerics forms the immediate aftermath of the Papal Summit called by Pope Francis, and is emblematic of Ratzinger/Benedict XVI's defensive hermeneutic against revolution. This is the Church of Pope Francis that continues to blame the 1960s for the Church's criminal and licentious behavior. Archived.

A Peloton of One. (2019, April 11). We wanted to send big thanks to our initial backers. From our The Parkside Lounge - Kickstarter launch event! Remember this is all or nothing. Join us on A Peloton of One - <http://kck.st/2uVik3g> - #StopAbuse Patrick Rosal, Meg Gramins, Allison Carroll, Elizabeth Ohlmuller, Taiyo Na, Brad Ohlmuller, Joe & Judy Capozzi, Laura Capozzi, Howard & Susan Hunt, Tammy Gibbens, Brad Ohlmuller, Rebecca Siegal, Nicole Torres, Felicitas Torres, Ed Torres, Wendy Torres, Diane Brennan, Suzanne Jacoby, Elizabeth Harvey, Elizabeth Langlois, Cider Lyons, Dave Lyons, Robert Hoatson, David Canton, Eric Gonzales, James Faluszczyk, Marie Giampaglia, Gary Gabisan, Christine Balance, Craig Pavia, Keith Pavia, Ayana Pavia, Joel Bernardo, Paul Martinez, Nelson Pinero, Shaun O'Connell, Jessica O'Connell, Maeve O'Connell, Casey Videa Angela Santos, Kara Phelps, Josh Phelps, Chris Cruz, Zenin Mesina Simeon Mesina, Janet Arribas. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/APelotonOfOneDoc/posts/2353706601580316>

Anderson, K. (2019, April 14). Palm Sunday protest: The plea group has for Bishop Malone. WIVB4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/palm-sunday-protest-the-plea-group-has-for-bishop-malone/>
Faluszczyk came forward, publicly, on St. Patrick's Day of last year. He said in the past year he hasn't seen much change in the church, and Malone. "At this point, he's tripled down on saying that all his lists are out there, and we know that there are more," he said. "Myself and other advocates are working with victims whose perpetrators haven't been named yet." (2:46) video.

WGRZ Staff. (2019, April 14). Road to Recovery protests at cathedral. WGRZ 2 NBC Buffalo. [https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/road-to-recovery-protests-at-cathedral/71-
ea95711f-8f56-4b83-8636-cf5bf4451595](https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/local/road-to-recovery-protests-at-cathedral/71-
ea95711f-8f56-4b83-8636-cf5bf4451595)

"There are more victims than we can count than we can imagine, who will never maybe speak to a family member or a friend, will never come forward like this. None of us want to be here. There are effects that we experience from talking about this material. the rest of this day is gonna be shot for me, just emotionally," said James Faluszczyk, a former priest (:51) video.

Spectrum News Staff. (2019, April 16). Catholic Diocese, Movement to Restore Trust launch new methods for abuse claims. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/04/16/catholic-diocese-movement-to-restore-trust-new-initiatives>

"These are things that we shouldn't have to remind the Catholic Church, a religious organization, and I don't believe that there is anything that's going to come of it," said James Faluszczyk, a victim advocate. "The bishop, in real time, is failing to apologize to victims for covering up and for hiding priests within the present moment." Video.

Shapiro, J. (2019b, April 17). Attorney General Josh Shapiro issues statement following PA House votes approving of grand jury reforms on sexual abuse [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/attorney-general-josh-shapiro-issues-statement-following-pa-house-votes-approving-grand-jury-reforms-on-sexual-abuse/>

"With today's votes, the PA House of Representatives has now passed all four of the reforms recommended last August by a Grand Jury investigating child sexual abuse and cover up in

the Catholic church,” Attorney General Shapiro said. “While the path of a constitutional amendment adds unnecessary delay for victims, this is a clear step forward.” Archived.

Wagner, P. (2019e, April 23). WATCH: Shattered Faith: Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal’s Impact on Victims, the Church. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/40353440/shattered-faith-part-one?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook_Erie_News_Now_-_Your_News_Team&fbclid=IwAR19FyaU32x4AcqN_gx5l73aKiltBf6xtZwJiAgr5Qvxn6nLceVCiIL_hO0

Reflection upon a year of advocacy. “James Faluzczak [sic.] is a former priest in the Erie Catholic Diocese and a survivor of clergy sex abuse. He says he was abused as a teenager, and the pain remains decades later. “This has devastated my faith,” said Faluzczak [sic.]. “For someone to refer to the abuse of a child by a priest as ‘soul murder’ is entirely accurate.” (7:54) video, archived. Part 2 appears to be missing.

Palattella, E. (2019b, April 30). Bishop Lawrence Persico of Erie Diocese reviews clergy sex abuse crisis response [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGVXEsU20Bc>

Ed Palattella of The Erie Times News interviews Persico one year after Persico released a list of names of accused child sex abusers. (28:02) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/grnThMOtAgk> (1:36) EP: How did Persico decide to release list? Prompted by positive response of people to communication re: Poulson and Kerins [Whose name went off the list after four years without explanation]. Palattella asked Persico in light of Poulson-Kerins, how does Persico alert people? Somehow a trailblazer in alerting the public, esp. to living perpetrators. Co-opting language of helping victims, giving them voice, shining a light. Bragging how his putting names out there helps victims, when/if.

(3:20) E.P.: Dilemma of unprosecuted priest, past statute.

(4:04) Persico: On alerting people only through website, but seems incapable of policing beyond removing ability to function. What about pensions?

(5:04) EP: Calls list unprecedented for “many respects” but especially for naming lay people. LP: as far as he knows.

(5:20) EP: Why did you decide to do that? LP: After GJ took documents, asked lawyers to continue on our own to investigate [though elsewhere Persico says he couldn’t investigate Poulson because he didn’t have the file], as if this is how he found claims against lay people [can be proven as a lie with my GJ exhibits discovered in raid] Claims he said. “let’s just clean house”, describing his response to lay allegations contrary to how he handled Denise Geitner.

(6:40) EP: How to determine credibility, Persico describes diocesan process broadly/ generally. Must speak to the victim. EP: Notifying accused

(9:10) Compensation fund, general overview.

(9:39) Persico states Feinberg doing the investigation, corrects himself, diocesan investigators hand their product off to Feinberg who makes determination. How is that independent? Persico claims to “not be a part of that, nor is the diocese”. Contradicts his supposed compliance effort in naming the Review Board and paying the investigators. “Independent” trope. Feinberg notifies diocese of payout amount. Claims to not know number of claims at this point. Informs DAs of laicization of abuser priests. All, or just publicized?

(12:15) David Clohessy question of history. LP claims he is going to post assignment histories [has not], but sidesteps question of abuse locations. Info has to be requested, but how after the IRCP, and still no public posting of info.

(13:39) “they just receive them” “their files”

(15:25) Had to learn how to be a bishop. Took what parties knew at their word that everything was in order? How has he held those parties accountable? Claims it wasn’t until he starting hearing from victims as to the state of things. When did those calls start? I called in 2013 on one of those lay teachers Persico brags about revealing.

(16:54) Seal of confession for child LP on fund vs. window

(19:15) Describes how he may push back on SOL. Immediate gratification, victims in a bind? LP “There are two groups of people I have to be concerned about. Victims and “people in the pew” as adversaries to be balanced.

(22:06) On bankruptcy, loss of control. Claims to understand, but his suggested bind is to take care of people who are still in need, or create more victims by withdrawal of funds.

(23:35) We're not bankrupt yet, frugal management, investigation cost a great deal.

(24:21) Early to know if giving/ attendance are off. [They were and are]. Sporadic reports.

(24:50) Paying out of interest income, but acknowledges that comes from the people, and from surpluses set aside, which more directly come from the people. Slick. What have you learned from victims? EP What do you tell victims? I'm sorry, it should never have happened, like god abandoned them. If in no way it's over, in what way is it not over?

Highlighted from the above:

Some victims were "eye opening" to Bishop Persico. (:22), archived.

Bishop Lawrence Persico comments on abuse by lay teachers. Bishop Lawrence Persico, representing himself and the Diocese of Erie, suggests he first encountered abuse in the diocese by lay teachers upon investigation by his lawyers beginning anywhere between 2017-2018, depending on how he tells it. The truth is that he gave ample evidence of creating the scenario he describes, in a situation he mismanaged six years earlier at Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys PA, and the real reason he put Ms. Denise Geitner on the list, or issued any list at all. Interviewed by Ed Palattella of The Erie Times News, Bishop Persico is asked why he made the unprecedented decision to include lay people on his list of accused child abusers. After GJ took documents, Persico claims he asked his lawyers to continue on their own to investigate, as if this is how he found claims against lay people. Claims he said. "let's just clean house", describing his response to lay allegations. (:59), archived.

Couloumbis, A., & Navratil, L. (2019, May 5). From champion to . . . pariah? Pa. lawmaker behind clergy abuse reform on the outs with some victims. <https://www.inquirer.com>. <https://www.inquirer.com/news/mark-rozzi-statute-of-limitations-clergy-sexual-abuse-pennsylvania-scarnati-20190505.html?fbclid=IwAR3S7hFhHSZCiwMfdJUrqQom2bq6Sj5yOIGChrY-Bduev4gWv464b-YjyNg>

James Faluszczyk comments on the unexpected legislative initiative of PA State Rep. Mark Rozzi. "Faluszczyk and other victims back the original strategy, a version of which is now championed by a group of freshman Democrats in the Senate. Also behind them are Shapiro and state Victim Advocate Jennifer Storm, and activist groups like Child U.S.A., which has pushed for two-year windows around the country. Marci Hamilton, Child U.S.A.'s founder and CEO, said victims she works with felt sucker-punched by Rozzi's new bills." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20220722192221/https://www.inquirer.com/news/mark-rozzi-statute-of-limitations-clergy-sexual-abuse-pennsylvania-scarnati-20190505.html?fbclid=IwAR3S7hFhHSZCiwMfdJUrqQom2bq6Sj5yOIGChrY-Bduev4gWv464b-YjyNg>

Mroziak, M. (2019b, May 9). Protesters support "whistleblowers" at Christ the King Seminary. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-05-09/protesters-support-whistleblowers-at-christ-the-king-seminary>

"The exchange between Staak, Hoatson and Faluszczyk was respectful. After Staak and his colleague, a public relations officer working on behalf of the seminary, left the scene Hoatson and Faluszczyk revealed that they simply don't believe the interim leader's explanation. Faluszczyk says any attempts to speak up about alleged wrongdoing got one subject to interrogations during his days as well." (1:47) audio, archived.

Pope Francis. (2019, May 9). Lettera Apostolica in forma di «Motu proprio» del Sommo Pontefice Francesco "Vos estis lux mundi." <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2019/05/09/0390/00804.html?fbclid=IwAR3iGDQqQEzUsnnZmLLvzXD3y0ClfNCwclTtDnkjS-r5lyOuLOCCfbPWvul#EN>

Faluszczyk, J. (2019d, May 9). *** Breaking ***. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczyk/posts/10161662232570133>

My statement on the promulgation of Vos Estis Lux Mundi. "Pope Francis takes a very public pass on zero tolerance, and again stymies the American bishops' suggested attempt to enact zero tolerance of bishops who cover up. Reporting abuse to public authorities should not be

regarded as "groundbreaking", and this initiative of Pope Francis will solve nothing. Having metropolitan archbishops investigate bishops of their region is another attempt of the Church to police itself. Where are the independent investigators in this? When a metropolitan archbishop is accused a senior bishop (regular collaborator under that metropolitan's jurisdiction) is then tasked to investigate his archbishop. The Church still is focused more on due process rights of the accused, and referring cases to the labyrinthine Vatican dicastery process. To Pope Francis, a vulnerable person is someone with an "infirmity, physical or mental deficiency", not a parishioner or seminarian or someone generally in counseling with a priest. This still offers no sanctions against bishops who cover up these crimes." Archived.

Keaney, B. (2019, May 9). Advocates voice support for local seminarians who cried foul. WBEN News Radio 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/advocates-voice-support-local-seminarians-who-cried-foul>

"As the rector insisted that there was not an interrogation, I can say that, for the slightest infraction, any way that you would stick your neck out in any kind of doctrinal way or thoughtful way to do something of a different pastoral nature or suggest a different approach, even mildly, let alone any kind of egregious behavior, the par for the course was to be hauled in multiple times and to be questioned by multiple people," said Faluszczyk, who graduated from Christ the King Seminary in 1995. "This [incident] strikes us as a form of harassment of whistleblowers." (16:28) audio, archived.

Keaney, B. (2019b, May 9). Hoatson & Faluszczyk [Sic.] on Church Law. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. James Faluszczyk, with Robert Hoatson of Road to Recovery, comment on the release of the Motu Proprio *Vos Estis Lux Mundi*. (2:13) audio, archived.

Specht, C. (2019b, May 9). The Buffalo Diocese's crisis reaches Christ the King Seminary: Seminary rector says doors won't close. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/the-buffalo-dioceses-crisis-reaches-christ-the-king-seminary>

From Charlie Specht's reporting: "Staak breaks his silence, denying that a leak investigation ever took place, while Catholic whistleblowers and former priests Robert Hoatson and James Faluszczyk hold a news conference in support of the seminarians who spoke out." (3:28) video, archived.

McBride, J. (2019, May 9). Whistleblowers protest outside Christ the King Seminary. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/05/10/whistleblowers-protest-outside-buffalo-seminary>

James Faluszczyk responding to the hidden curriculum of the seminary: "Recently, Spectrum News has reported that Christ the King Seminary launched an investigation after several seminarians reported an incident involving three local priests. A Diocesan spokesperson says Arthur Mattulke, Patrick O'Keefe and Robert Orłowski have been placed on leave. The diocese notes the complaints do not include any allegations of physical or sexual abuse. "It's a type of programming if you ask me. In many respects, cult-like behavior. They call it formation: intellectual, spiritual, pastoral formation. They are modeling these men into a certain product," said Faluszczyk. Video, archived.

Persico, L. (2019d, May 9). The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, bishop of Erie, offers the following statement regarding the release of Pope Francis' Motu Proprio this morning [Press release]. <https://www.eriecfd.org/images/pdf/Motu%20Proprio.pdf>

"I am pleased that Pope Francis has issued this important Motu Proprio, *Vos estis lux mundi* ("You are the light of the world" citing Matthew 5:14). This worldwide directive is a direct and concrete step taken as a result of the meeting held in Rome this past February that was attended by all of the presidents of episcopal conferences across the world. I welcome these new norms which call us to an ever greater accountability in the protection of children and vulnerable adults." Neither *Vos Estis* nor Persico, as teacher of his flock, address who are considered vulnerable adults. Archived.

Specht, C. (2019c, May 10). Catholic protesters urge Vatican ambassador to fire Bishop Malone. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/catholic-protesters-urge-vatican-ambassador-to-fire-bishop-malone>

After Papal Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre is whisked by cars from the tarmac, my suggestion that Pope Francis and Archbishop Pierre are deaf to victims in Buffalo (2:18) video, archived.

Persico, L. (2019e, May 18). Msgr. Charles Kaza removed from active ministry pending further investigation [Press release]. <https://www.eriescd.org/images/pdf/Monsignor%20Kaza%20removed%20from%20active%20ministry%20pending%20investigation.pdf>

Persico, without describing the nature of the accusation or saying where Kaza's abuse is alleged to have taken place, Persico temporarily removes Msgr. Charles Kaza from ministry. Archived.

Telvock, D., & Horvatits, C. (2019, May 22). New Christ the King President-Rector showed assault victim "Lack of support", lawsuit says. WIVB 4CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/new-christ-the-king-president-rector-showed-assault-victim-lack-of-support-lawsuit-says/>

James G. Faluszczyk, who was sexually abused by a priest as a minor, found the allegations against Creagh troubling, considering that the former rector, Father Joseph Gatto, remains on administrative leave for an allegation that he sexually assaulted an adult. "It's very concerning that here's a person who appears, if we understand this correctly, to have acted callously toward a whistleblower, toward a person in need of counseling in response to sexual advances," he said "Obviously, when we are in this current climate at Christ the King and the Diocese of Buffalo, you would hope that the next rector of Christ the King would be compassionate and present and quite the opposite of callous." "You would think that on the heels of everything that they would exercise a real thorough due diligence in vetting whoever would be leading this institution," he said. (2:18) video.

Mroziak, M. (2019c, May 29). One day after Buffalo Diocese issues report, abuse advocate criticizes "Entire system." WSKG NPR Syracuse. <https://wskg.org/news/one-day-after-buffalo-diocese-issues-report-abuse-advocate-criticizes-entire-system/>

Story missing. "James Faluszczyk, also a former priest-turned-advocate, often joins Hoatson at Buffalo-area appearances but was not present Wednesday. He issued a news release which, in part, questioned the objectivity of the IRCP. "The fund was administered under the shadow of a federal subpoena. A federal grand jury is conducting an investigation of the administration of the program by two retired judges appointed by the Diocese of Buffalo," said Faluszczyk in a prepared statement. "Self-selected administrators and the involvement of diocesan employees in the IRCP process underline the fact that this program was anything but independent." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190529212350/https://wskg.org/news/one-day-after-buffalo-diocese-issues-report-abuse-advocate-criticizes-entire-system/>

Gambini, P. (2019, May 29). Buffalo diocese report on victim payments draws criticism: CONSULTANT: Response to victims from Buffalo diocese is not a model for others to follow. Lockport Union-Sun & Journal. https://www.lockportjournal.com/news/local_news/buffalo-diocese-report-on-victim-payments-draws-criticism/article_a42812fa-063c-522d-8254-6562091ed2ce.html?fbclid=IwAR1B8AQwJ6Cwy1ySerocnN7W21qzBkf9ba0k9lxKnFpqMLqElvtzncbtcc8

"While some victims have approached the program in order to avoid a longer and potentially public court process, and because some victims are in a position to require more immediate compensation for their trauma, the Diocese of Buffalo is incorrect in stating that their response to this tragedy is somehow a model for others or that it is in any objective way sufficient," Faluszczyk said in a prepared statement. Archived.

Amara, K. (2019, June 11). Catholic bishops again take up package of reforms to address sex abuse. WBAL TV 11 NBC Baltimore. <https://www.wbal.com/article/catholic-bishops-reforms-to-address-sex->

[abuse/27922108?](#)

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On zero tolerance of bishop who cover up the sex crimes of their priests: "What is to say that anyone, any of these bishops, aren't going to somehow sidestep these procedures in the future?" said James Faluszczyk, a former priest and a victim advocate. (1:48) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/u11jiUHgsyg>

DeMetrick, A. (2019, June 11). U.S. Catholic bishops convening Tuesday to confront Sex-Abuse crisis. WJZ CBS News Baltimore. <https://www.cbsnews.com/baltimore/news/us-catholic-bishops-meet-confront-child-sex-abuse-baltimore/?fbclid=IwAR1Okx8N-pEjb-POBcrhI9d5SZ1DtD9nhbzZWMca-QwgcugBG8tLLXEBHNY>

"The grand jury found Keeler acted with criminal inaction by doing nothing about the attacks. Now, Bishops are debating how to judge their own accountability in sex abuse allegations. Outside, not everybody believes Bishops are the best people to take on that job. "They need to get more deliberative about investigating," former Priest James Faluszczyk said. "They're still going to investigate internally. As the Attorney General of Pennsylvania said, we can't trust the Bishops to police themselves." Two advisor panels sounded the same alarm. "Bishops should be held accountable to the same standards as other clerics," Francesco Cesareo, Chmn. of the National Review Board, said. (1:45) video, archived.

Rose, S., & Mazurowski, B. (2019, June 12). Still advocating for change at US Bishops Conference. Omny.fm. <https://omny.fm/shows/a-new-morning/still-advocating-for-change-at-u-s-bishops-confere?fbclid=IwAR3yyJouiGgibYpdzsasFUchR88W90gD03rwLHIXCzQuHsBGSNSGD7mnNpg>

James Faluszczyk updating on the USCCB plenary meeting in Baltimore for listeners in Buffalo NY who are concerned for the results of the meeting. (7:01) audio, archived.

Amara, K. (2019b, June 12). Bishops' vote authorizes third-party reporting system for abuse allegations. WBAL TV 11 NBC Baltimore. <https://www.wbalv.com/article/third-party-reporting-system-for-abuse-allegations-vote/27965941#>

"The closed-door discussions were not helpful for the group, which is pledging to increase transparency. That was a point made by protesters gathered outside the Harbor East venue. The number of protesters grew by the hour with a clear message: bishops should not -- and cannot -- police themselves. "There's conflicts of interest abounding around these issues," said James Faluszczyk, a victims' advocate. "I'm here today, again, to just draw attention to the conflicts of interest and what I believe is the hypocrisy of what they're doing inside there today." (2:13) video, archived.

Spectrum News Staff. (2019b, June 14). Advocates skeptical of new priest abuse hotline. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/06/14/priest-abuse-victim-advocates-skeptical-hotline>

"Critics said the hotline should be a call directly to police, or a lawyer, not another affiliate of the church. "It's like calling HR," said James Faluszczyk, a former priest turned whistleblower who claims to have been molested 15 times as a child. "Calling this hotline the church is establishing would be like calling the central office of a corporation rather than calling an independent advocate. It's different smoke, its different mirrors. Why would you call the church if that is who offended against you?" Video, archived: <https://youtu.be/MWPkdJ-Gmn4?si=KMXE0GP8pYuM83PD>

WJET Staff. (2019b, June 20). Former priest-whistle blower calls for resignation of bishops in Erie & Buffalo. YourErie/ WJET 24 ABC Erie. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/former-priest-whistle-blower-calls-for-resignation-of-bishops-in-erie-buffalo/>

"James Faluszczyk is planning to make the call Friday, in Buffalo, at a press conference. He himself a victim of abuse by a priest, and also testified before the grand jury in the Pennsylvania investigation about abuse in the church in six dioceses in the commonwealth. Faluszczyk is calling on Bishop Persico of the Diocese of Erie to suspend Bishop Emeritus Donald Trautman. Faluszczyk

also calling for the Diocese of Buffalo to suspend Bishop Malone. He says both Trautman and Malone knew about the actions of Father Michael Freeman." Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2019c, June 20). The Catholic Church can not be trusted to police itself. Creating additional, internal workarounds is not the answer. If you need to report abuse—call. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/otTrpn2avP/>

A soundbite, but accurate and ever green "The Catholic Church can not be trusted to police itself."

WICU Staff. (2019c, June 21). Clergy sex abuse victims call for transparency, resignation of bishops. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/40691453/clergy-sex-abuse-victims-call-for-transparency-resignation-of-bishops>

"Faluszczak told Erie News Now that Bishop Persico has the authority to take action within his own Diocese and withdraw Trautman's faculties. He criticized Persico for not suspending Trautman from public ministry." Archived.

WJET Staff. (2019d, June 21). Sexual abuse victims are calling for resignation of Bishop Donald Trautman. YourErie/ WJET 24 ABC Erie. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/sexual-abuse-victims-are-calling-for-resignation-of-bishop-donald-trautman/>

"James Faluszczak, a former priest and victim of child sexual abuse, is calling for the Diocese of Erie to hold the bishops accountable for their actions and stand up for victims' rights. "It's a crime, it is a scandal that these men are in ministry and my mind as I say the wolves in shepherds clothing," said Faluszczak. "Bishop Persico has been aware of multiple sets of allegations of cover up by Bishop Trautman for at least a year," said Faluszczak. "Both from my own allegations from the substance of the grand jury report." Archived.

WJET Staff. (2019c, June 21). Abuse survivor calls for Trautman suspension. YourErie/ WJET 24 ABC Erie. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/abuse-survivor-calls-for-trautman-suspension/>

"Former priest and abuse survivor James Faluszczak is calling for a suspension from any priestly duties for former Erie Bishop Donald Trautman. This public demand comes after word that a Buffalo area priest Fr. Michael Freeman sexually abused at least one child. Faluszczak is charging that Bishop Trautman knew of the abuse and allowed Freeman to continue to function within the church, according to testimony heard by a Grand Jury seated in Pennsylvania." Archived.

Specht, C. (2019d, June 21). Retired Bishop Trautman admits he blamed victim of clergy sex abuse. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/retired-bishop-trautman-admits-he-blamed-victim-of-clergy-sex-abuse?fbclid=IwAR3WlvorSK7qBnOz7Tf7PGC7tEypk-8N1Wd79qJOW25Mv8-4VEfOgG8Z2ew>

"At about the same time that Trautman was making his admission to the I-Team, former priest James Faluszczak was holding a news conference in downtown Buffalo to criticize the bishops of Erie and Buffalo for allowing Trautman to say Mass in their dioceses given the allegations of sex abuse cover-up against him. "They are wolves in shepherd's clothing," Faluszczak said of bishops like Trautman. "It is not enough that they still be allowed to function. It certainly is not enough yet that these men are not in jail." (3:17) video, archived.

Tokasz, J. (2019, June 21). Ex-priest says Trautman should be punished under sex abuse rules for bishops. The Buffalo News. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/ex-priest-says-trautman-should-be-punished-under-sex-abuse-rules-for-bishops/article_ad2f2f8d-5e7f-5cba-b064-c6d2006b6385.html

"Faluszczak called upon current Erie Bishop Lawrence T. Persico to suspend Trautman immediately and for Bishop Richard J. Malone to prevent him from operating in the Buffalo Diocese. Trautman frequently visits and participates in diocese functions, such as the celebration earlier this month of the 50th anniversary of the 1969 priest ordination class. Faluszczak also has called for Malone to resign over the abuse scandal in the Buffalo Diocese. Trautman faced criticism this week over his handling of complaints against the Rev. Michael R. Freeman, a Buffalo Diocese priest

assigned to parishes despite multiple complaints of abuse. Trautman was second-in-command of the Buffalo Diocese in the 1980s at the time of Freeman's alleged abuses." Archived: https://web.archive.org/web/20220301160110/https://buffalonews.com/news/local/ex-priest-says-trautman-should-be-punished-under-sex-abuse-rules-for-bishops/article_ad2f2f8d-5e7f-5cba-b064-c6d2006b6385.html

WIVB Staff. (2019, June 22). Survivors of priest sex abuse calling for former Buffalo bishop to be suspended. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/survivors-of-priest-sex-abuse-calling-for-former-buffalo-bishop-to-be-suspended/>

"Bishop Donald Trautman, in my mind, is a wolf in shepherd's clothing. Bishop Trautman has consistently displayed a callous disregard for victims," sex abuse survivor James Faluszczyk said. This comes just days after another survivor, James Bottlinger who says he was also abused by Freeman, claimed Trautman knew about Freeman's abuse and covered it up." Archived.

Mikołajewska, M. (2019, June 25). Arcybiskup nie wydał dokumentów. Pełnomocnik ofiary molestowania wnosi o przeszukanie kurii. TVN 24 Polska. <https://tvn24.pl/polska/arcybiskup-gadecki-nie-przekazal-prokuraturze-dokumentow-w-sprawie-molestowania-przez-ksiedza-ra947374-2287295>

"Różnicę między Polską a Pensylwanią czy Illinois stanowi to, że nasi prokuratorzy mieli narzędzia prawne i środki, żeby wejść do kurii diecezjalnych i zabezpieczyć dokumenty. Niektóre z nich zostały odnalezione w samym Watykanie. Inne zdążyły być zniszczone lub nigdy nie powstały. Do ujawnienia dokumentów potrzeba dwóch rzeczy: możliwości prawnych i politycznej chęci - zwraca uwagę James Faluszczyk, były ksiądz, ofiara księdza pedofila."

"The difference between Poland and Pennsylvania or Illinois is that our prosecutors had legal tools and means to enter diocesan curias and secure documents. Some of them were found in the Vatican itself. Others were destroyed or were never created. Two things are needed to disclose documents: legal possibilities and political will - points out James Faluszczyk, a former priest and victim of a pedophile priest." Archived.

McBride, J. (2019b, July 25). Buffalo Catholic group releases report of recommendations for diocese. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/top-stories/2019/07/25/buffalo-catholic-group-releases-report-of-recommendations>

"James Faluszczyk, a former priest, says he was abused by a priest when he was in high school. Now, he's an advocate for victims of clergy abuse. "Whatever the Movement to Restore Trust is attempting to do, it isn't changing the practice of the Buffalo Diocese in real time," stated Faluszczyk. Faluszczyk doesn't believe the report will be followed through, being that there's no full account of perpetrators. He adds there's still no adequate explanation on the status of the Church's investigation on the Buffalo Diocese and Bishop Malone — which many have asked to see. "The victims that I'm working with, and the advocates I work alongside, we're really wondering if anything can change when we're not seeing the results that we are asking for in the present moment," he said. Video, archived.

Moncrease, B. (2019, August 8). Former priest calls for transparency in Diocese of Syracuse. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/08/08/former-priests-call-for-transparency-in-catholic-church>

"Faluszczyk [sic.] and Hoatson are no longer active in the church, but they work with clergy abuse victims all over the world. In Syracuse, they're anxious to see what steps Bishop Lucia will take for all victims. "He'll inherit a whole stack of cases today from the diocese when he's made bishop. We'll know quickly whether he is sincere or not about whether he intends to be more transparent," said Faluszczyk [sic.]. They are calling for the release of more perpetrators' names and their assignment histories. They also want criminal charges against all abusers and enablers." Archived.

DeJesus, I. (2019b, August 14). One year after scathing report on clergy sex abuse of children in Pa., much has changed and much has not. Pennlive. <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2019/08/one-year-after-scathing-report-on-clergy-sex-abuse-of-children-in-pa-much-has-changed-and-much-has-not.html>

"I think some people are afraid that Pennsylvania is going to be forgotten. That it's going to be a chapter that goes on the shelf somewhere," said James G. Faluszcak, one of the victims on the stage last year when Shapiro released the findings. "For those of us who found our voice because of the Pennsylvania investigation there is this implicit fear that somehow our contribution isn't going forward." "It is disappointing to me that this investigation did not result in any charges against bishops or the institution," said Marci Hamilton, a University of Pennsylvania law professor and victims' advocate. "The church's capacity to keep children at risk is really stunning in this state when you compare how much information you have out there. It's sheer political power. This is just politics. It's really nothing else." Archived.

Rose, S., & Mazuroski, B. (2019, August 14). NEW: Two current Diocese of Buffalo priests to be named in abuse suits. WBEN News 930 AM. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/new-two-current-diocese-buffalo-priests-be-named-abuse-suits>

"If a victim is listening to my remarks today and you feel alone in your suffering or that the task before you is too steep to manage alone, we'd like to make it clear that you are not alone," Faluszcak said. "We stand ready to help you and an army of survivors and their advocates are ready to walk with you." (19:18) audio, archived.

Todd, C. (2019, August 14). Looking at mental health impacts of child sexual abuse amid CVA window opening. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/wny-mental-health/2019/08/14/looking-at-mental-health-impacts-of-child-sexual-abuse-amid-cva-window-opening->

"There are the things that James Faluszcak lost when he opened up about the child sexual abuse he endured at the hands of his mentor, Father Daniel Martin, that can be quantified — his job, decade-long friends, the roof over his head. Then, there are the things he lost that can't be measured. Like his inability to trust others, his boyhood or the years after the abuse lost to depression and alcoholism. "I can think of all that I've lost," he said. "Going back as far as my high school years, Martin took those years away from me. Father Martin took those years away from me; I can never get them back." Video, archived.

Horvatiits, C. (2019b, August 14). Brunt of Child Victims Act lawsuits filed Wednesday target the Diocese of Buffalo. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/brunt-of-child-victims-act-lawsuits-filed-wednesday-target-the-diocese-of-buffalo/>

At a press conference outside diocesan headquarters, attorney Paul Barr and James Faluszcak, a former priest who is an advocate for victims, publicly accused five more priests of abuse for the first time: Rev. Edwin Fagowski, Rev. Joseph Gambino, Rev. Paul Nogaro, Msgr. Peter Popadick, and former Rev. Franklin Tuchols. Nogaro and Popadick are still serving in diocesan parishes. Nogaro serves at St. Stephen in Grand Island. Popadick serves at St. Aloysius Gonzaga in Cheektowaga. He was once secretary to former Bishop Edward Head. Nogaro and Popadick are two of six people who allegedly abused a young boy at St. Mary of Sorrows School and Bishop Fallon High School in the 1960s and 1970s, a lawsuit filed Wednesday said. "No one here is trying to surprise the Church or shock the community, or rile up the Catholic faithful," Faluszcak said. "We're simply trying to right a wrong." (4:12) video, archived.

Anstey, E. (2019, August 14). WATCH: Former priest announces new clergy sex abuse lawsuits against Diocese of Buffalo. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/watch-former-priest-announces-new-clergy-sex-abuse-lawsuits-against-diocese-of-buffalo/>

"James Faluszcak, a whistleblower and former priest, announced new lawsuits against the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo on the first day of the Child Victims Act window." (19:38) video, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2019d, August 14). Today marks the anniversary of my Office's investigation into rampant sexual abuse & systemic cover-up within the Catholic Church. We owe this movement to the Survivors who had the courage to speak up & be heard. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oxJ8VfJyaN/> (:53) video, archived: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/2rZcTqVTOSM>

Shapiro, J. (2019e, August 15). In the year since the Grand Jury released their report into the Catholic Church, sexual assault Survivors have started a movement. . . Facebook. https://fb.watch/oxJv_dSiuf/ Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro celebrates the one year anniversary of the Report of the 40th PA Statewide Investigating Grand Jury with this campaign-style video. (1:00) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/ratuj6qG3zI?si=TTt5JS6W-FJq0LJG>

Moran, J., & Schneider, A. (2019, August 15). As CVA floodgates open, more WNY priests named as alleged abusers. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-08-14/as-cva-floodgates-open-more-wny-priests-named-as-alleged-abusers>

"We're seeking discovery of what files the Diocese of Buffalo has related to these priests, who among the current or former workers within the Catholic Center...may have known about these matters because they were priest personnel directors or secretaries," Faluszczyk explained. (4:05) audio, archived.

Baggerman, M. (2019, August 15). Abuse survivor stresses patience through legal proceedings. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/abuse-survivor-stresses-patience-through-legal-proceedings>

"I testified before the Pennsylvania grand jury in October of 2016," Faluszczyk said. "It took almost two years for there to be a report. I had to sit for two years, as did everyone else I know, who testified before the grand jury and wait to see what, of our material, would come out in that grand jury report." Faluszczyk said it was a frustrating process for him. There will likely be many steps throughout the legal process, including the end of the window. "It's a type of re-traumatization," Faluszczyk said. (2:58) audio, archived.

Faluszczyk, J. (2019e, August 15). Our firms have filed a complaint against the Diocese of Buffalo and Holy Cross Church because it is alleged that long time pastor Msgr. Joseph Gambino sexually molested our client. Along with five other priests of the Diocese of Buffalo, Gambino was named by our firms for the first time. We are not afraid to pursue claims against the Catholic Church for victims who have never seen their abuser's name in public. If you are a victim of Msgr. Gambino, or any other priest in New York State, please contact Paul Barr of Fanizzi & Barr, PC at (716) 284-8888. Read the complaint here: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/nyscef/ViewDocument?docIndex=HLEItloLJSvVU1/ZsAL_PLUS_sQ==. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10162066690985133&set=a.10150611129950133>

James Faluszczyk naming Msgr. Joseph Gambino of Italy and Buffalo for the first time.

Hetherly, M. (2019, August 16). Two more WNY priests put on administrative leave after CVA lawsuits filed. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/crime/2019-08-16/two-more-wny-priests-put-on-administrative-leave-after-cva-lawsuits-filed>

"Bishop Richard Malone has maintained throughout the clergy abuse crisis that no priests with substantiated allegations of abuse remain in ministry in Buffalo. However, on Thursday, Revs. Paul Nogaró - pastor at St. Stephen Parish on Grand Island - and Peter Popadick - pastor at St. Aloysius Parish in Cheektowaga - were named in lawsuits announced by James Faluszczyk, a former priest and abuse survivor who has been a leader in the movement for survivor justice."

Epps, T. (2019, August 18). Protesters call on Bishop Malone to resign. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/protesters-call-on-bishop-malone-to-resign>

"Demonstrators chose Saint Stanislaus Church because of its closeness to Bishop Malone's home. Along with his resignation, they'd like to see a larger investigation. "When is Pope Francis going to step up? When is Cardinal Dolan, in New York, the Metropolitan Archbishop of this

province...when are they going to do something," asked advocate for victims of clergy sexual abuse James Faluszczyk. (2:28) video.

WIVB Staff. (2019b, August 18). Whistleblowers gather in solidarity for seminary whistleblower Stephen Parisi. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/whistleblowers-gather-in-solidarity-for-seminary-whistleblower-stephen-parisi/>

"Other whistleblowers, James Faluszczyk and Siobhan O'Connor were there as well standing in solidarity with him." (:49) video.

WBEN Staff. (2019, August 18). Siobhan O'Connor, James Faluszczyk and Stephen Parisi. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

Demonstrating against Bishop Richard Malone at St. Stanislaus Church. Link broken. (14:40) audio, archived.

WIVB Staff. (2019c, August 19). Protesters gather in support of new Buffalo Diocese whistleblower. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/protesters-gather-in-support-of-new-buffalo-diocese-whistleblower/>

"On Sunday, the protesters called for Bishop Richard Malone to resign amid ongoing problems within the Diocese of Buffalo. "Is he gonna keep turning a deaf ear to this, or is he gonna actually pack up and go home?" Faluszczyk said. "It's high time. And it's high time that the priests of this diocese call their own bishop to accountability. There are many good priests in this diocese, but that have been mostly quiet on these matters mostly." (1:12) video.

Persico, L. (2019g, August 21). Administrative change announced for DuBois Area Catholic Schools [Press release]. <https://www.eriecd.org/images/pdf/Catholic%20Schools%20Office%20announces%20administrative%20change%20at%20DACs.pdf>

Persico: "The responsibilities of the president of DuBois Area Catholic Schools will continue to be handled by the Board of Members and supported by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) in collaboration with the DuBois Catholic School Board. Ms. Gretchen Caruso will remain in her role as headmaster, and will work with the executive committee of the board and the CSO to manage the overall operations of the system." Archived.

Todd, C. (2019b, August 30). Child Victims Act shines light on the trauma, revictimization of reporting child sexual abuse. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/wny-mental-health/2019/08/30/trauma-of-reporting-child-sexual-abuse->

Reporting the abuse to family, friends, and authorities can be traumatic and revictimization adds a layer of damage on top of the abuse. James Faluszczyk, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and former priest, still struggles with the betrayal he felt after he went to multiple people to report the abuse he endured at the hands of his mentor, Father Daniel Martin. Faluszczyk told his mother. He told mentors at Christ the King — including Rev. Father Gatto, former president-rector of Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, where Faluszczyk attended. Earlier this year, a Diocesan Review Board founded claims of improper conduct by Gatto. He was reinstated by the Diocese of Buffalo. "In my attempts to cope by going to people that I trusted, there was a form of secondary abuse or secondary trauma," Faluszczyk said. "When I would reach out to priests, confessors, formation directors, whatever, ultimately, bishops. They didn't take me seriously." Video, archived.

Mroziak, M. (2019d, September 4). Bishop says secret audio broke church law, restates he won't resign. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-09-04/bishop-says-secret-audio-broke-church-law-restates-he-wont-resign>

"James Faluszczyk, a former priest and child sex abuse survivor who has turned advocate for other victims, shared the thought about the possibility of bankruptcy in a reply to a Tweet by WBFO during the bishop's news conference: "Bankruptcy by choice will result in shutting down the discovery process for victims." (4:44) audio, archived.

- Specht, C. (2019e, September 9). NY Cardinal Dolan may step in to examine Buffalo Diocese. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/ny-cardinal-dolan-may-step-in-to-examine-buffalo-diocese?fbclid=IwAR18EXJGTYBJ85DuBDgMyQ8QcANhcTL4I6OalCast_WwaJoJvtlrpe-e-s4
My remarks on Cardinal Dolan investigating Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone as a Vos Estis case. With Chris Altieri of the Catholic Herald. Reporter refers to Malone as Dolan's friend. (1:47) video.
- Mroziak, M. (2019e, September 12). Diocese of Rochester files Chapter 11; not ruled out for Diocese of Buffalo. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-09-12/diocese-of-rochester-files-chapter-11-not-ruled-out-for-diocese-of-buffalo>
On diocesan bankruptcy as a means to controlling information, with Jeff Anderson. (1:32) audio, archived.
- Horvatis, C. (2019c, September 17). Buffalo News poll: 86 percent of Catholics want Malone to step down. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo-news-poll-86-percent-of-catholics-want-malone-to-step-down/?fbclid=IwAR2BljbFydatf4iaPgaOeWK7958ct2heFZJSHv4L4f8ZI63ETLpiZdd1c4w>
"I think these polls are going to mean something to Church authorities who are looking to gauge the sensitivities of people who are in this area," Faluszczak said. (2:20) video.
- Faluszczak, J. (2019f, September 23). Live with SNAP, ECA and Pathways Foundation in Cornwall. [Video]. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10162227891080133/>
Live with SNAP, ECA and Pathways Foundation in Cornwall Ontario at the meeting of the Canadian bishops. (57:47) video, archived.
- Thompson, N. (2019, September 24). Group calls for Canadian bishops to release names of clergy accused of abuse. Global News Canada. https://globalnews.ca/news/5943824/group-calls-for-canadian-bishops-to-release-names-of-clergy-accused-of-abuse/?fbclid=IwAR2-N3MF16tfc451ckAqA91kEqraeGI9xP3sDmk_NBKwNOcgHraDEafrpBk
On Canadian bishops releasing the names of accused priests, they sound frozen in their relationship with survivors: "... a spokeswoman for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops maintains that's not the most effective strategy in Canada, where the church already has policies in place to ensure allegations are dealt with." Multiple quotes by Gemma Hickey of Pathways Foundation.
- Faluszczak, J. (2019g, September 26). Amplifying survivor voices at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [Video]. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczak/videos/10162241004870133/>
"Live here in Cornwall Ontario with survivors from Canada and representing SNAP, ECA, and Pathways Foundation. Sharing the stories of indigenous and non-indigenous Canadian survivors of the Catholic Church and non-indigenous Canadian survivors of the Catholic Church from Canada and survivors from across this great country." (41:11) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/eyc8mSjBiOU>
- Todd, C. (2019c, October 2). On the cutting room floor: The trauma of reporting a sexual assault, coping with dementia, redefining self-care. Spectrum News Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/wny-mental-health/2019/10/01/on-the-cutting-room-floor--the-trauma-of-reporting-a-sexual-assault--coping-with-dementia--redefining-self-care>
"Sexual assault can have lifelong impacts on someone's mental and physical health—an area of focus Spectrum News covered with the CVA window opening. As shown in the video above, James Faluszczak, a former priest, talks about how this window can help victims feel less alone in their trauma."
- McGinness, G. (2019, October 9). Opinion: Justice shouldn't have an expiration date. The Pitt News. <https://pittnews.com/article/151243/opinions/opinion-justice-shouldnt-have-an-expiration-date/?fbclid=IwAR2oMQdkOx-cljIF42YJpTw73UkmVoaH84hmWShWlnD1bo2umWyqbGaP-FQ>

This opinion piece is in response to the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Senate Bill 540 on October 2nd to debate the state's statute of limitations for childhood victims of church and institutional sexual abuse.

Mazurowski, B. (2019, October 30). Apostolic Visitation continues with more questioning by Brooklyn bishop. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/apostolic-visitation-continues-more-questioning>

"We always knew that there would be multiple visits, I think this is his second visit to Buffalo, a couple of days at a time. I would not be surprised if there are more visits like it," said James Faluszczyk, an abuse victim and former priest who has been one of the most outspoken critics of the Diocese. Just because DiMarzio is here, Faluszczyk said not to expect protests outside where the interviews are taking place. "I want to see what Bishop DiMarzio and what this apostolic visitation might accomplish," Faluszczyk said. "I've taken a back seat to that investigation and I'd like to just see the church do the right thing." Archived.

King, J. (2019, November 8). Diocese again denies allegations against Hubbard. WAMC. <https://www.wamc.org/wamc-news/2019-11-08/diocese-again-denies-allegations-against-hubbard>

"Hubbard is facing four civil lawsuits accusing him of child sex abuse, and has stepped down from public ministry. Faluszczyk used the Friday press conference to call for Albany Bishop Edward Scharfenberger to remove Hubbard's title of "Bishop Emeritus," and to make the Diocese's investigation into the claims public. Hubbard has denied all accusations." Archived.

Hunter, M. (2019, November 8). Attorneys detail alleged abuse Cover-Up by Bishop Hubbard. Spectrum News 1 Albany. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/11/08/attorneys-detail-alleged-abuse-cover-up-by-bishop-hubbard>

"Since Father Leroux is deceased, we also want to point to those who were complicit in our client's abuse," Faluszczyk said, a former priest and victim of sexual abuse. Faluszczyk and George, who filed a lawsuit that names Hubbard, the Roman Catholic Diocese, and other parties on Monday, say their client was abused by Leroux as a teenager while staying at a former retreat house in Glenmont in the late 1950s. "The Jesuits allowed or made it possible for Father Leroux to enter the bedchambers of these children," Faluszczyk said. When the client reported the alleged abuse to Hubbard, a young seminary student at the time, they claim he covered it up." Video, archived.

Hunter, M. (2019b, November 8). Representing a now an 80-year-old Albany man, Faluszczyk and George say their client was abused as a teenager more than 60 years ago by former Albany priest Father Edward Leroux while staying at this former retreat house in Glenmont. Leroux passed away roughly 15 years ago. X, Formerly Known as Twitter. https://x.com/Matt_Hunter518/status/1192924228624044034?s=20

Williams, M. (2019, November 8). Advocates: Survivor of alleged clergy sex abuse expected former Albany bishop's help. SFGate. <https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Alleged-survivor-of-clergy-sexual-abuse-expected-14820723.php>

"Even though Bishop Hubbard was simply just out of high school and early in the seminary perhaps, he carried this knowledge of Father Leroux into his ministry as a bishop and let Father Leroux function for many years," James Faluszczyk, a survivor of clergy sexual abuse and former priest who now advocates for survivors, said Friday. Photos, archived.

Williams, M. (2019b, November 8). Advocates: Survivor of alleged clergy sex abuse expected former Albany bishop's help. Chron/ Houston Chronicle. <https://www.chron.com/news/article/Alleged-survivor-of-clergy-sexual-abuse-expected-14820723.php>

"J.M., Faluszczyk said, went to Hubbard "seeking help because of this unspeakable horror. ... He expected Howard Hubbard to help him." In the lawsuit, J.M. said he was 16 years old and

working part-time at a Jesuit retreat in Glenmont, while living in an attic with other teenage boys employed at the retreat, when he met Leroux." Archived.

Lewis, B. (2019, November 13). Report: Bishop Malone's resignation could be imminent. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/11/13/report--bishop-malone-s-resignation-could-be-imminent>

The Associated Press is also reporting that Bishop Nicholas DeMarzio, who was sent to Buffalo by Pope Francis to investigate Malone's handling of sex abuse accusations made against priests, is now himself facing accusations of abusing a child in the 1970s while serving as a priest in New Jersey. James Faluszczyk, a clergy sex abuse survivor and advocate for victims, said there are a lot of questions that remain. "We don't know if Bishop Malone chose this route on his own or if he saw this coming, that the Pope or various congregations in the Vatican offices in the Vatican might be calling for his removal and that it's possible that they're offering him the chance to resign on his own rather than for that to be imposed on him," he said. Ultimately, Faluszczyk wants Malone to leave the ministry sooner rather than later. "I just think it's hypocritical that the bishop of a diocese has not taken seriously enough the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of his congregation," he said. Video, archived.

Baurle, T., & Bellavia, D. (2019, November 13). Bauerle and Bellavia: Live with James Faluszczyk - Bauerle. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. https://omny.fm/shows/bauerle-and-bellavia/11-13-bauerle-and-bellavia-live-with-james-faluszczyk?in_playlist=podcast

Tom Bauerle interviews James Faluszczyk after reports of Diocese of Buffalo Bishop Malone resigning. (34:20) audio, archived.

Jesserer Smith, P. (2019, November 14). Buffalo's Christ The King Seminary: Sexual Misconduct dates back decades. National Catholic Register. <https://www.ncregister.com/news/buffalo-s-christ-the-king-seminary-sexual-misconduct-dates-back-decades>

"Faluszczyk stated Father Gatto abused his position as formation director to have sex with a seminarian who sought his guidance due to struggles with same-sex attraction. Faluszczyk also alleged that Father Gatto blackmailed him into silence on the eve of his diaconal ordination by bringing up Faluszczyk's [sic] earlier disclosure to Father Gatto of his own sexual misconduct with another seminarian. Local Buffalo news WKBW reported that the Diocese of Buffalo had released a statement advising that Bishop Malone had met with Bishop Lawrence Persico of Erie to discuss Faluszczyk's allegations and that Father Gatto's alleged seminary victim, who is now a diocesan priest in Erie, had denied to them anything inappropriate had happened with Father Gatto. However, WKBW reported it could not confirm this account because the alleged victim had declined multiple requests for comment." Reference to Church Militant/ Wes Wallawender allegation regarding Gatto and Colombian seminarians. [N.B. I did not consent to Charlie Specht sharing my material with this alternative Catholic media outlet]

Horvatits, C. (2019d, November 19). Advocate for victims of clergy abuse taking his message to Asia, Europe. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/advocate-for-victims-of-clergy-abuse-taking-his-message-to-asia-europe/>

Tokyo (WIVB) – A Western New Yorker is taking his fight against clergy sex abuse overseas. James Faluszczyk, a critic of how the abuse crisis has been handled by the Church worldwide and in the Diocese of Buffalo is visiting Japan and Rome this month. "I will stand in solidarity with victims in Japan and in Rome," Faluszczyk said. Faluszczyk, a former priest now working locally as an advocate for victims, has frequently stood outside the Catholic Center in Buffalo in protest of the diocese and Bishop Richard Malone. Now, he's preparing to stand side-by-side with victims in Japan, 6,000 miles away, where Pope Francis will be visiting later this week. (2:25) video, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2019c, November 21). AG Shapiro statement on PA Senate passage of grand jury reforms [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-statement-on-pa-senate-passage-of-grand-jury-reforms/>

"With the elimination of the criminal statute of limitations on child abuse, Bob Corby of Bethlehem, now 84 years old, could have had his day in court to finally see the priest who abused him when he was a teenage boy brought to justice. With the clarification of who must report abuse and when, survivors like Mary McHale and Diana Vojtasek of Reading may not have been ignored and had their abuser shuffled between parishes because of the ambiguity of who served as a mandated reporter. With the prohibition of confidentiality agreements that silence survivors, the Fortney sisters of Harrisburg wouldn't have feared to talk to police or our office or even one another about the unspeakable and horrific abuse that plagued their youth." Archived.

Faluszczak, J. (2019h, November 23). Statement on Japan deportation threat. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10162525908485133/>

Now that I'm out of Japan I'll say that upon landing I was detained by Japanese Immigration for 5.5 hrs and interrogated in a holding room at the airport, follow by the same treatment by customs for an hour after that. They took photos of all my documents, hand checked every item I was carrying, and repeatedly x-rayed my stuff. They were familiar with all my social media related to the Pope in Japan and asked me the same questions about it over and over during those hours. I was separated from my passport and baggage for most of that time. They talked openly about deporting me back to the US, and I have a document to prove it. In the end, they wanted assurances from me that I would not go near the Pope in Nagasaki or Tokyo or "It would go very badly for me." (9:25) video, archived.

Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP). (2019, November 23). As #PopeFrancis visits Japan, clergy sex abuse survivors and advocates -- including SNAP Leaders Harumi Suzuki and James Faluszczak -- held a demonstration march to protest the pope's handling of cases of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. X, Formerly Known as Twitter. <https://x.com/SNAPNetwork/status/1198117952278523904?s=20>

Photo of abuse survivors before our march in Sendai Japan. Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2019f, November 26). Governor Tom Wolf is signing into law statute of limitations reforms that will fundamentally change our justice system -- and protect generations of children. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oz7mN1Btp9/>

With PA AG Josh Shapiro & Rep. Mark Rozzi, Governor Tom Wolf Signing into Law Statute of Limitations Reforms. (37:28) video, archived: https://youtu.be/w18U1sAZKQ?si=KZ_oiJMol6xYsS9S

Shapiro, J. (2019g, November 27). We've made history in passing landmark legislative reforms for victims of childhood sexual abuse, but there's more to be done. Survivors' justice is being delayed because of the legislature's decision to pass a civil window through Constitutional Amendment. Those who contributed to the Grand Jury's Report into the Catholic Church's abuses / cover-up won't be able to take individual action, as it stands, until PA voters vote on this amendment on the ballot, which can't happen until at least 2021. Justice delayed is justice denied. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oz7FcE1nIO/>

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro campaign-style lobbying ad using sex abuse victims (1:09) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/9DA6Cn5NtU0?si=SYRjcnQuNH18JAPh>

Young, A. (2019b, December 3). What's next for the Buffalo Diocese? Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/12/03/next-steps-for-buffalo-diocese?cid=share_fb&fbclid=IwAR08SchuR6N17PO2yyhEBycHp0oyii_7KsujfugTEm0C2a0JG81VYAgvZlIQ

"Faluszczak says a detailed explanation from the Vatican or the diocese about the reasons behind the retirement likely won't be given. A high-ranking source tells Spectrum News Bishop Malone's decision is not a result of the review recently conducted by the Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn into Bishop Malone's handling of the sex abuse crisis, with more than 100 priests accused.

"Part of the frustration for victims and advocates and I think just ordinary Catholic faithful is that we never find out the results of these internal investigations. It's exceptionally rare that we would," Faluszczak said. Video, archived.

Bodi, S. (2019, December 3). Bishop Persico speaks on a variety of topics after trip to the Vatican. YourErie/WJET 24 ABC Erie. <https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/bishop-persico-speaks-on-a-variety-of-topics-after-trip-to-the-vatican/>

On the pope's concern for the morale of Erie priests. PA AG Shapiro asserts that the bishops cannot be trusted. Bishop Persico says that Pope Francis mentioned the grand jury report in Pennsylvania regarding the sexual abuse case. Bishops as mentors to priests, ensuring their growth. "He expressed his disappointment and concerns about all of that and basically listened because he wanted to know about how the morale of the clergy is," said Bishop Persico. (2:00) video, archived: https://youtu.be/2RKMKZ_tvCE?si=-efYjqp2suYG9rBd

Spectrum News Staff. (2019c, December 4). Who is Bishop Edward Scharfenberger? Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2019/12/04/who-is-bishop-edward-scharfenberger->

"Scharfenberger was also forced to apologize after failing to mention in an obituary that a priest had been removed in 2011 for alleged sexual abuse of minors. But in recent years, Scharfenberger has been praised for taking a more active approach. Advocates for change in the church aren't sure what to expect. "I think he comes to Buffalo with some unanswered questions related to the investigations of some very serious allegations against his immediate predecessor... so as nice a guy as he is and a bit more transparent than most bishops he's still using the same playbook," said former priest and victim advocate James Faluszczak." Video, archived.

Eliopoulos, P. (2019, December 10). Whistleblower says local bishops 'covered up' sexual abuse by Catholic priests. News10 ABC New York City/Brooklyn. <https://www.news10.com/news/local-news/whistleblower-says-local-bishops-covered-up-sexual-abuse-by-catholic-priests/?fbclid=IwAR1R7x6QJI54IWAe5JIMzm8uCCIV0BbAdeMee2WzU07WSBvRcaAXILRUgTE>

Confirmation of a Vos Estis investigation of retired Albany Bishop Howard Hubbard after James Faluszczak's press conference. (1:52) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/g3aucp-PHfQ>

Haskell, P. (2019, December 10). Brooklyn Bishop DiMarzio accused of ignoring some sex abuse claims. WCBS NEWSRADIO 880 New York. <https://www.audacy.com/wcbs880/articles/news/brooklyn-bishop-dimarzio-accused-of-ignoring-abuse-claims>

"Bishop DiMarzio and the Diocese of Brooklyn are evading a full account of priest perpetrators in the Diocese of Brooklyn," said James Faluszczak, a former priest who was abused as a child. Faluszczak says he's suspicious about DiMarzio's handling of the sex abuse investigations, especially since the bishop himself was also accused of abuse. Faluszczak [sic.] says he's mostly concerned about a report looking into clergy sexual abuse in Buffalo conducted by DiMarzio. "We contend that Bishop DiMarzio is also withholding information that he is aware of from the diocese of Buffalo," he said. (:58) audio, archived.

Baggerman, M. (2019b, December 10). Abuse survivor calls out diocese leader for alleged cover up. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/abuse-survivor-calls-out-diocese-leader-for-alleged-cover-up>

"Faluszczak, a Western New York resident who has long railed against the Diocese of Buffalo for its handling of clergy sex abuse, called on Scharfenberger to unveil information about the internal investigation conducted by Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio into Buffalo. DiMarzio concluded his report last month." (12:21) audio, archived.

Specht, C. (2019f, December 10). Scharfenberger faces first test of transparency with Buffalo priest files. WKBW 7 ABC Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/scharfenberger-faces-first-test-of-transparency-with-buffalo-priest-files>

Unarchived. Removed from WKBW. Removed from Bishop Accountability: <https://www.bishop-accountability.org/AbuseTrackerArchive/2019/12/>

Mackie, K. (2019, December 10). Victim advocate calls on Scharfenberger to release Vatican report on Buffalo diocese. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-12-10/victim-advocate-calls-on-scharfenberger-to-release-vatican-report-on-buffalo-diocese>

"Scharfenberger is now the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo. Will he finally give to the good people of the Diocese of Buffalo a full public account of the number, the nature and the location of clergy sexual abuse in Buffalo?," Faluszczyk questioned at a news conference Tuesday in New York City." Archived.

Anstey, E. (2019b, December 10). Whistleblower addresses alleged cover-up of sex abuse allegations against Buffalo's apostolic administrator. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. https://www.wivb.com/news/new-york/whistleblower-addresses-alleged-cover-up-of-sex-abuse-allegations-against-buffalos-apostolic-administrator/?fbclid=IwAR3vdFkBiaAkiAKHKiPP_ZQyKV2ihelifgx61oYB0ReprL3gjneXY6rt7l8

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (WIVB) — "James Faluszczyk, a former priest who claims to have been sexually abused, spoke in Brooklyn on Tuesday morning. Faluszczyk has been calling for investigations into priests. This past August, he announced lawsuits against the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo on the first day of the Child Victims Act window. Previously, Faluszczyk testified before the 40th Pennsylvania Grand Jury while it investigated six dioceses in that state. Faluszczyk and attorney Daniel Woodard addressed alleged cover-ups of sex abuse allegations involving two prominent names — Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, who recently investigated the Diocese of Buffalo, and Albany Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, who currently serves as the Buffalo Diocese's Apostolic Administrator." (:36) video, archived. Full video (32:45): <https://www.wivb.com/news/new-york/whistleblower-addresses-alleged-cover-up-of-sex-abuse-allegations-against-buffalos-apostolic-administrator/>

Faluszczyk, J., & Woodard, P. (2019, December 10). James Faluszczyk live Brooklyn press conference. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10162606766620133/>

Full live video (39:20), archived.

Mackie, K. (2019b, December 10). Victim advocate calls on Scharfenberger to release Vatican report on Buffalo diocese. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2019-12-10/victim-advocate-calls-on-scharfenberger-to-release-vatican-report-on-buffalo-diocese>

"Along with the Buffalo report, Faluszczyk called for details to be released about the internal investigation of Bishop Howard Hubbard, Scharfenberger's predecessor in Albany. Hubbard faces at least four lawsuits filed under the Child Victims Act accusing him of repeated sexual abuse and covering up similar allegations against other priests. "Did Bishop Edward Scharfenberger know about allegations against Bishop Hubbard? All of these years that he's now been the bishop of Albany, has he sat on these? And has he not shared his knowledge of these allegations against retired Bishop Hubbard?," Faluszczyk asked. The Diocese of Albany said it is not overseeing the Hubbard investigation, which has been forwarded to Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York." This revelation was the result of our press conference in Brooklyn. Archived.

Broken link. (2019, December 11). WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.brokenlink.com/WBEN/Apple-podcast>. Audio, archived.

DW News. (2019b, December 12). Why has the Catholic Church taken so long to address child sexual abuse? | Conflict Zone [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GV6GhdQGBf0>

An important Conflict Zone (Deutsche Welle) interview of Fr. Hans Zollner SJ, (then) of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and Director of the Institute of Anthropology: Interdisciplinary Studies on Human Dignity and Care (IADC) at the Gregorian University in Rome. (26:06) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/Z8lF0ldcnVE>

Horvatits, C., & Staff. (2019, December 13). Whistleblower visits Buffalo to criticize new apostolic administrator of local Catholic Diocese. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/whistleblower-visits-buffalo-to-criticize-new-apostolic-administrator-of-local-catholic-diocese/>

"They are sitting on these reports. They are saying that they are not ours to see," Faluszczyk said. "They're preaching healing and yet how do you heal when we don't have a full account. When we don't really know what's going on." Although WIVB alerted a New York affiliate and provided great coverage of our news conference, this piece is mistakenly titled as I resided in Buffalo in the time period. (1:49) video, archived.

Kane, P. A. (2019, December 13). Bishop Malone Joins Richard Nixon, A burned Out Ford Pinto and Joey from Marillia Street on "Cover Up Island". <http://buffalomud.com/2019/12/13/bishop-malone-joins-richard-nixon-a-burned-out-ford-pinto-and-joey-from-marillia-street-on-cover-up-island/?fbclid=IwAR12EYn2P46fC-fNu0ImPsKNj9mV5tuF8wpkalRg6asX4nsgyhkLjxsRM>

Survivor and author, P.A. Kane: "Aides to Bishop Malone say he has remained quiet and contemplative in his new life as Buffalo Bishop Emeritus. They also mentioned they often hear him calling out the names Michael Whalen, Charlie, Siobhan and Faluszczyk as he fitfully sleeps." Archived. August 2019 WIVB Buffalo tagged: <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/watch-former-priest-announces-new-clergy-sex-abuse-lawsuits-against-diocese-of-buffalo/>

Kageyama, Y. (2019, December 14). Cries of abuse in Catholic Church start to be heard in Japan. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/bd12453306c2399b1ba73db1801bc734>

"The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan launched a nationwide investigation into sexual abuse of women and children this year, responding to the Vatican's demand for an urgent response to the global crisis. The results haven't been disclosed, and it's unclear when they might be ready. Similar studies have been carried out by the U.S., German and Dutch churches, with the findings made public, and government-mandated inquiries have devastated the church's credibility in countries like Australia and Ireland." Report facilitated by James Faluszczyk, who introduced Kageyama to Harumi Suzuki, with assistance from US Army victim and human rights advocate Catherine Jane Fisher. Archived.

Keany, B. (2019, December 16). Advocates not pleased about potential bankruptcy filing. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/advocates-not-pleased-about-potential-bankruptcy-filing>

Faluszczyk then called out Albany Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, who's currently serving as apostolic administrator in Buffalo, saying that he has sent mixed messages since his introductory press conference. "Bishop Scharfenberger...has alternately said that he doesn't know much about this Diocese, that he is a blank slate," he began. "At first, he suggested that he had not seen the Vatican report into Bishop Malone, but this week he's starting to make substantial comments along these lines, and is not only not denying that he's read the report, which we believe he has by this point, he's saying it's not his property - he's not able to provide that to the Diocese of Buffalo, to the good people here. So, he's trying to plead ignorance on the one hand that he's new and he doesn't know a lot, but he's got this hair-trigger reaction to declare bankruptcy." Support for bankruptcy under these circumstances by injury attorney Paul Barr seemed irresponsible or that he was somehow extending an olive branch to the diocese. (12:21) audio, archived.

Gak, M. (2019b, December 16). Hey James, Zollner told us that Schicluna [sic.] will bring down pontifical secrecy by the end of February. Look what we did. . . Facebook.

This was a public post from Senior Producer of Deutsche Welle's Conflict Zone, Martin Gak, to James Faluszczyk in the aftermath of their interview of Fr. Hans Zollner SJ. The post appears to be removed/restricted but was screen captured and is archived.

Goff, B. (2019, December 17). "The Pope would like you to think this is a sweeping change." With Brent Goff Live today on DW News Germany (Deutsche Welle) addressing the lifting of the "Pontifical Secret" by Pope Francis. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/644675132/videos/10162641837635133/>

(3:06) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/nHDSfRFYmW4>

Forsyth, P. (2019, December 22). Clergy sex abuse whistleblower bolsters 'Sully Movement': James Faluszczyk, a former priest who says he was also molested as a teen, joins protesters outside Welland Catholic church. Niagara (ON) This Week. https://www.niagarathisweek.com/news/clergy-sex-abuse-whistleblower-bolsters-sully-movement/article_5bca416b-d82c-5f6a-9f3f-bc9efd78fb6a.html

"James is a super hero without a cape," said O'Sullivan, a man whose once-lonely weekly vigils outside the church where he was sexually assaulted as a boy over a period of several years has grown to become known as the "Sully Movement." "How is it that this society that's so revered in my country is so backwards on accountability for sexual abuse?" [Faluszczyk] asked. "I think the bishops here and across the country need to know they're on notice because of their failure to give a full public accounting." Archived, syndicated to the St. Catharines Standard and Toronto.com: <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/9786353-clergy-sex-abuse-whistleblower-bolsters-sully-movement/>

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JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2020, January 2). Lawsuit in Buffalo, NY claims former Erie Bishop Trautman covered up abuse [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5an0zD15zSs>

Reporting on my investigation of Bishop Trautman without citation. WJET/Fox 24 Erie coverage of lawsuit alleging coverup of child sex abuse by Bishop Donald Trautman, stemming from his time as Vicar General in Buffalo, and leading to Erie where he is alleged to have managed the ongoing coverup. (1:51) archived: <https://youtu.be/lvdGWsoYmSE>

Erie News Now Staff. (2020, January 2). Former Bishop Trautman, Erie Diocese named in child sex abuse lawsuit, accused of maintaining a coverup. Erie News Now/ WICU 12 NBC Erie. <https://www.erienewsnow.com/story/41512355/former-bishop-trautman-erie-diocese-named-in-child-sex-abuse-lawsuit-accused-of-maintaining-a-coverup>

"The lawsuit alleges Trautman maintained a coverup of alleged abuse in Buffalo during his time with the Erie Diocese. When the Diocese of Buffalo and Bishop Richard Malone published an incomplete list of abuser priests in March 2018, they left out the timing and nature of alleged abuse, preventing the community from knowing about Fr. Smyczynski's propensity to abuse children, according to Faluszczyk and Barr." Archived. Removed from Bishop Accountability Abuse Tracker: <https://www.bishop-accountability.org/AbuseTrackerArchive/2020/01/>

Specht, C. (2020, January 2). Bishop Trautman used annulment to silence abuse victim, lawsuit alleges. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/bishop-trautman-used-annulment-to-silence-abuse-victim-lawsuit-alleges>

"Trautman then offered to speed along the marriage annulment of the child's parents in exchange for them staying quiet about the abuse, the lawsuit alleges. Annulments, which are similar in the Catholic Church to a divorce, are sometimes difficult to obtain. "The average time of an annulment, it's about 18 months [to] as much as two years, and there's no guarantee," said James Faluszczyk, a former priest under Trautman who now advocates for survivors. "I have never seen even the easiest annulments handled this quickly. It's just bizarre." Trautman, who later went on to become bishop of Erie, Pa., did not respond to multiple messages seeking comment." (2:46) video, archived.

Specht, C. (2020a, January 2). Active Buffalo Diocese priest accused of child sexual abuse. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/active-buffalo-diocese-priest-accused-of-child-sexual-abuse>

"Fr. Richard Reina, who retired in 2014 but still serves at Christ the King Parish in Snyder, "is alleged to have sexually abused a minor child while he was a priest at Holy Cross Church in Buffalo," according to a media advisory from James Faluszczyk, a former priest who is working for the law firms making the accusations." (2:46) video, archived.

Horvatits, C. (2020, January 2). Lawsuit claims Trautman, former Buffalo diocesan leader and Erie bishop, covered up clergy abuse case. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/lawsuit-claims-trautman-former-buffalo-diocesan-leader-and-erie-bishop-covered-up-clergy-abuse-case/>
"We see a pattern in Trautman's behavior," said James Faluszczyk, an advocate for victims who works with Barr's law firm. (2:16) video.

Mroziak, M. (2020, January 2). New lawsuits against Diocese include first-time accusation, claims of cover-up. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2020-01-02/new-lawsuits-against-diocese-include-first-time-accusation-claims-of-cover-up>

"We made a prior filing against Monsignor Gambino a couple of months ago," Faluszczyk said. "We want to highlight this rectory where these tragedies unfolded, and the priests that were there, even perhaps as witnesses." Barr told reporters their lawsuit against Reina includes calling Monsignor Dino Lorenzetti as a witness to possible crimes. Lorenzetti is now 98 years old and Barr emphasized he is not a defendant in this litigation. "We take no joy in needing to get his deposition and his statement. But we believe that Monsignor Lorenzetti will have information that will be pivotal to our client's case," Barr said. Archived.

Mroziak, M. (2020a, January 2). New lawsuits against Buffalo Diocese include first-time accusation, claims of Cover-Up. WSKG. <https://www.wskg.org/news/2020-01-02/new-lawsuits-against-buffalo-diocese-include-first-time-accusation-claims-of-cover-up>

Syracuse NY reporting syndicated from WBFO: "Smyczynski, according to records Barr and Faluszczyk released, was ordained around 1980 and served as a parochial vicar for two years. His first assignment was at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church and School in 1980 and 1981. He then served in a similar role at Infant of Prague Church and School in Cheektowaga from 1981 to 1982. He was placed on "sick leave" later in 1982 and died in 1999." Archived.

Goshgarian, M. (2020, January 2). More accusations of clergy sex abuse and cover-up after 2 more CVA lawsuits filed. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2020/01/02/more-accusations-of-clergy-sex-abuse-and-cover-up-after-two-additional-cva-lawsuits-are-filed>

Faluszczyk and Barr are calling on the current bishop of Erie to investigate and suspend Trautman, or at best restrict his ministry. "And so we see a pattern in Trautman's behavior. Covering up these matters, engaging in conspiracy," said Faluszczyk. "Both Barr and Faluszczyk say they're now awaiting a response from both dioceses and will then start collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses to determine who knew what and when they knew it." Video, archived. Removed from Bishop Accountability Abuse Tracker: <https://www.bishop-accountability.org/AbuseTrackerArchive/2020/01/>

Erie Times-News Staff. (2020, January 2). Buffalo lawsuit claims Erie's Trautman covered up abuse. Erie Times-News. <https://www.goerie.com/news/20200102/buffalo-lawsuit-claims-eriersquos-trautman-covered-up-abuse>

"An organizer of the news conference was Buffalo resident James Faluszczyk, a victims' advocate and former priest in the Catholic Diocese of Erie who said a priest abused him as a teenager." Removed by Erie Times News, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20200103051322/https://www.goerie.com/news/20200102/buffalo-lawsuit-claims-eriersquos-trautman-covered-up-abuse>

Jones, K. (2020, January 3). Lawsuit charges Bishop Trautman, Buffalo diocese with abuse cover-up in 1980s. Catholic News Agency. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/43203/lawsuit-charges-bishop-trautman-buffalo-diocese-with-abuse-cover-up-in-1980s>

A day later, this alternative right Catholic outlet happy to report on Trautman: "The lawsuit's claims about the Erie diocese do not include improper handling of abuse. Rather, it claims that the diocese is implicated in the alleged cover-up because Trautman was its bishop and he "perpetrated" a policy to cover up abuse, the Erie Times-News reports. It alleges that both dioceses had a "cover-

up" policy which "resulted in the sexual assault of untold numbers of children, and put numerous other children at risk of sexual assault." It charges that Trautman "took his playbook of covering up clergy abuse from Buffalo, New York, to Erie, Pennsylvania... where he continued to carry out the aforesaid cover up for decades."

CNA/EWTN NEWS, & Jones, K. (2020, January 6). Lawsuit charges Bishop Trautman and Buffalo Diocese with abuse cover-up. National Catholic Register. <https://www.ncregister.com/news/lawsuit-charges-bishop-trautman-and-buffalo-diocese-with-abuse-cover-up>

"The lawsuit alleges that Trautman knew of the priest's abuse and failed to investigate and report it. It alleges that he and the diocese "participated in covering up such heinous acts by moving errant priests and clergy members from assignment to assignment, thereby putting children in harm's way."

WKBW 7 ABC Buffalo Staff. (2020, January 17). Buffalo Diocese reinstates two priests accused of child sexual abuse. WKBW 7 News Buffalo. https://www.wkbw.com/news/i-team/buffalo-diocese-reinstates-two-priests-accused-of-child-sexual-abuse?fbclid=IwAR2gsQM9_ef9Ro56WnSD4KRnHSZWXIEATJ2ji2-DaW61u947Lc_V4quHWT8

"James Faluszczyk, a former priest working for the law firm that filed the lawsuit, said the accuser has not backed off his story and lawyers advised the man not to cooperate with the diocese's internal investigation. "There's never a hint of that," Faluszczyk said. "It's silly that you would make a client available to the adversary outside of a courtroom setting."

Baggerman, M. (2020, February 3). Lawmakers push for extension of Child Victim's Act window. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/lawmakers-push-for-extension-of-child-victims-act-window>

"This first year of the CVA window in New York State has been liberating for a lot of survivors of not just clergy abuse but of all kinds of different types of institutional sexual abuse," James Faluszczyk, a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, said. "It takes a little bit of time, especially for those who are maybe unaware of that possibility of seeking discovery or restitution or whatever the goal is, to come to terms with the fact that I might have to talk to someone now. It's not an easy decision to make." (5:53) audio, archived.

Rose, S., & Mazurowski, B. (2020, February 4). Christ the King Seminary to end current operations. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/articles/christ-the-king-seminary-to-end-current-operations>

Sex abuse victims advocate James Faluszczyk attended Christ the King Seminary for his education, and while he admitted that there was certainly a culture problem, the fact that it's closing saddens him deeply. (4:58) audio, archived.

Sound clip comment on Christ the King Seminary as a valuable asset. (:16) audio, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2020, February 12). AG Shapiro launches Pennsylvania's first statewide conviction integrity section [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-launches-pennsylvanias-first-statewide-conviction-integrity-unit/>

"This section provides a mechanism for the review of cases to make sure justice was served, and if not, to right the wrongs of our imperfect system," Attorney General Shapiro said. "This is critically important work and our focus will be to collaborate with Pennsylvania counties lacking the necessary resources to properly revisit and analyze past convictions." Archived.

Rose, S., & Mazurowski, B. (2020b, February 28). Reaction to diocese bankruptcy with clergy abuse survivor James Faluszczyk. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

James Faluszczyk comments on the Diocese of Buffalo declaring bankruptcy. Link broken, archived.

- McKinley, J., & Stack, L. (2020, February 29). Facing Sex-Abuse claims, Buffalo Diocese declares bankruptcy. The New York Times. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/28/nyregion/buffalo-diocese-bankruptcy.html>
James Faluszczyk assisted Liam Stack with this article, and research undergirded this statement: "There is a huge problem in Buffalo," said Diane Paolicelli, a lawyer whose firm represents more than 30 plaintiffs who have filed abuse claims against the diocese. "I don't know why that is so, but it is true that the Diocese of Buffalo appears to have a disproportionate number of cases against it compared to the other dioceses in New York." Archived.
- Todd, C. (2020, March 4). Mental health musings: 3 different experiences reporting sexual abuse. Spectrum News 1 Buffalo. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/wny-mental-health/2020/03/04/mental-health-musings-3-4-2020#>
"In my attempts to cope by going to people that I trusted, there was a form of secondary abuse or secondary trauma," Faluszczyk said. Describing my mother's reaction. Video, archived.
- White, M. D. (2020, March 24). McCarrick-Report fable vs. streetside press-conference preachers. Father Mark White Blog. <https://frmarkdwhite.wordpress.com/2020/03/24/mccarrick-report-fable-vs-streetside-press-conference-preachers/>
Fr. Mark White strikes me as a good person and righteously points out the omissions and injustices surrounding former Cardinal McCarrick, who ordained Mark to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington. Mark later transferred to the Diocese of Richmond which was in need of priests, as well as to his present difficulties with McCarrick protege Bishop Barry Knestout. To my mind, Fr. Mark's critique of the Church's knowledge and allowance of McCarrick's behavior, as well as his grooming of proteges, is accurate and credible. Any snark he also provides along the way does not diminish his truth or the fact that Mark loves the Church and his priesthood. White often allies himself with right wing news personalities who are sympathetic to the McCarrick phenomenon, who then paint homosexuals with the McCarrick brush. Fr. Mark is in trouble with his bishop for telling the truth about McCarrick. As a man without his country I understand why whistleblowers will sometimes go wherever they will get a hearing. That's why I'm grateful Mark posted my story on his blog, even though he fails to acknowledge I am/was a priest. He does, however, call me a sidewalk preacher which accurately describes my status. Archived.
- Faluszczyk, J. (2020, April 6). Japanese Bishops Conference release report overnight. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczyk/posts/10163228287160133>
Release of report of the Japanese investigation I called for: "As of the end of February 2020, responses were received from all 16 dioceses, all 40 men's communities, and 55 women's communities. Sixteen allegations of sexual abuse by clergy or religious were reported." "In all cases, the names of individual dioceses, religious congregations and mission societies as well as the number of reported cases in each will not be made public because doing so may lead to the identification of the individual victims." <https://www.cbcj.catholic.jp/2020/04/07/20600/> Is it just a coincidence that they released their report coinciding with Cardinal Pell's release from prison? This poster is among the materials that got me detained for 6.5 hours and threatened with deportation last Fall in Tokyo. Finally, overnight tonight, Archbishop Takami is releasing the CJCJ Report on historical abuse in Japan (without names of abusers, locations, or dates) to protect "the privacy of victims". The Catholic Bishops Conference of Japan (CBCJ) will for the first time call for "independent" diocesan review boards. It sounds like the United States twenty years ago. The difference is that Catholic media in Japan broke the recent stories, not the AP or usual Japanese news outlets. Stay tuned."
- Shapiro, J. (2020, April 14). Knowledge is power -- and Pennsylvanians deserve to know who's living around them and who's near their kids. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oAriC3qR-6/>
Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on strengthening the state's child sex abuse registry (:46) video, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2020b, August 14). Two years ago I announced the results of the Grand Jury investigation into widespread sexual abuse of children within the Catholic Church. It was a reckoning. Facebook. <https://fb.watch/oAsMJz2PTX/>

(2:47) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/wVoKvwsMI1A>

Shapiro, J. (2020b, August 14). Since the Grand Jury report was published, 22 states have opened official investigations into the Catholic Church. Our investigation inspired a nation. Facebook. https://fb.watch/oAxP_NC9QU/

Campaign-style video by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on the two year anniversary of the Report of the 40th PA Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. (1:00) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/LZe02cUoCfs?si=Mq9LDXL1ePsGXimb>

Shapiro, J. (2020b, August 26). AG Shapiro arrests Father Andrew Kawecky for sexual assault of 11 year old altar boy [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-arrests-father-andrew-kawecky-for-sexual-assault-of-11-year-old-altar-boy/>

"Kawecky has been on leave since allegations were made. He most recently served as a trust advisor at Conn-Area Catholic School in Connellsville, and pastor at St. John the Baptist in Scottdale and St. Joseph in Everson. He has served in 15 parishes in the Greensburg Diocese since being ordained in May, 1980." "The release of the Grand Jury Report on Clergy Sexual Abuse in 2018 has generated over 2,000 tips to the Office of Attorney General, including the information that led to this arrest. Anyone with relevant information about Father Andrew Kawecky should contact the Attorney General's Office using the Clergy Abuse Hotline: 1-888-538-8541." Archived.

Hurst, C. (2020, September 23). Former pastor named in Child Victims Act suit. Jamestown (NY) Post Journal. <https://on-reg.onecount.net/onecount/redirects/index.php?action=get-tokens&js=1&sid=&return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.post-journal.com%2Fnews%2Fpage-one%2F2020%2F09%2Fformer-pastor-named-in-child-victims-act-suit%2F%3Ffbclid%3DlwAR34qHm7CHpUd0cwFSIzXkZqyHEI20Cu45OHO8RnLulew1s65vGpQ7PwCwg&sid=vljnaetoqrbc4l0p3fqumr5k27>

A detailed description of a lawsuit filed by Phillips & Paolicelli based on the research of James Faluszczyk. Archived.

Kageyama, Y. (2020, September 25). Japan Catholic Church sued for damages in alleged sex abuse. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/7a947193a18318fa2b1e43346502ca7a>

Follow-up to December 14: Harumi Suzuki sues Church defendants. TOKYO (AP) — A woman has filed a suit against the Roman Catholic Church in Japan alleging that a priest raped her four decades ago, as the church's unfolding worldwide sexual abuse crisis gradually reaches Japan. The civil lawsuit, filed this week in Sendai District Court, seeks 56.1 million yen (\$534,000) in damages. It accuses a priest, who has not been charged or penalized, as well as a bishop who counseled the woman in recent years about the alleged abuse. The suit, which also accuses the Diocese of Sendai in northeastern Japan, says the church refused to take the complaints seriously, causing psychological pain. "I have filed this lawsuit to claim back the dignity I have lost, and to try to end this serious crime that is a violation of humanity," said Harumi Suzuki, who has gone public with her name. Archived.

Guiora, A. (2020, September 25). Armies of enablers: Survivor stories of complicity and betrayal in sexual assaults. American Bar Association.

James Faluszczyk is Priest Victim #1 (PV1) referred to throughout the book, and after much time and contribution unmentioned in the acknowledgements as contributing significantly to Guiora's research on the topic of church and institutional sexual abuse. This lapse has not been remedied by Guiora, although this is the arrangement that had been agreed to at the outset. Faluszczyk's Amazon review of the book is archived, though withdrawn for that reason.

Faluszczak, J. (2020b, October 12). Letter to the Editor re: reelection of Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczak/posts/10164203788950133>

Dear Editor,

It's a shame in these times that the Post-Gazette would pick "one of our own" over a "a bright and able man who has done some fine things as AG." I'm from Western PA, lived in Pittsburgh and am a Duquesne grad (M'05). I am taken aback by the Editorial Board's myopic comments about Josh Shapiro.

He exposed a sex ring of priests and many more abusers in Western PA that otherwise would have been left unknown to the public, along with the tears of 100s of local victims.

I am one of those PA victims, and was a priest in central and western PA for 18 years. AG Josh Shapiro is one of my people. He came to Western PA multiple times and met personally with victims long before he was running for anything. Hardworking people can identify with his work ethic, and otherwise voiceless victims of crime are forever grateful to him.

Under Shapiro's leadership, the agents and prosecutors of his office used existing state statutes to conduct their grand jury investigation, empaneled in Pittsburgh, and gave named parties the chance to defend themselves. I know this because I named 21 of them in my testimony before that Grand Jury.

What more could you possibly want in a candidate for State Attorney General? Shapiro is already more of a local face than his opponent, if that's the P-G's metric.

Faluszczak, J. (2020, October 19). Campaign letter for Attorney Josh Shapiro. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczak/posts/10164234519270133>

Letter in support of Josh Shapiro, coordinated by his campaign, sent to parishioners in the Diocese of Erie, falsely saying I'm a resident of Erie. Archived.

Faluszczak, J. (2020b, November 1). Not PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro on the national news, although the same view. This is Mr. Shapiro on a Zoom call two weeks ago with maybe eight of us, to thank us for our support and to chat for an hour. Pennsylvanians have been served by his office in multiple ways: investigation of fraud, holding opioid producers accountable, accompanying parents of those we've lost but are not forgotten, and survivors of clergy sex abuse to name a few. In the thick of his campaign for reelection he still takes the time to listen to the people he serves. He has made our communities safer, and he has earned your vote. Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/faluszczak/posts/10164293509125133>

With Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro on Zoom to thank us for our assistance with his campaign. Archived.

Gutowski, M. (2020, November 8). "Don Stanislaw". The other face of Cardinal Dziwisz [Video]. TVN29 Poland. <https://tvn24.pl/go/programy,7/czarno-na-bialym-odcinki,11367/odcinek-779,S00E779,402439>

"Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz. On the one hand, the legendary personal secretary and friend of Pope John Paul II, who called him "irreplacable". On the other, as our interviewees say - a mighty hierarch, a gray eminence who can look after the particular interests of the Church. Also when it concerns cases involving victims of pedophilia in Poland and worldwide. - My case is not the only one covered up by Cardinal Dziwisz – says Janusz Szymik, who was 12 when a priest sexually abused him. Marcin Gutowski, the reporter of TVN24's investigative program "Czarno na białym" shows the second, unknown face of the cardinal. He talks to the victims of sexual abuse by priests in Poland, by Theodore McCarrick and Maciel Degollado, and those who tried to make those cases public and judged. (82:00) video.

Mikolajewska, M., & Tacek, J. (2020, November 10). Kardynał Dziwisz w watykańskim raporcie o nadużyciach seksualnych. TVN24 Poland. <https://tvn24.pl/programy/kardynal-stanislaw-dziwisz-w-watykanskim-raporcie-o-naduzyciach-seksualnych-4747787>

James Faluszczyk comments re: the relationship of John Paul II and Cardinal Dziwisz in covering up crimes. Link broken, video, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20201111060057/https://tvn24.pl/programy/kardynal-stanislaw-dziwisz-w-watykanskim-raporcie-o-naduzyciach-seksualnych-4747787>

Sanders, L. (2020, November 10). Internal investigation finds senior Vatican figures downplayed true nature of ex-Cardinal McCarrick. Euronews. <https://www.euronews.com/2020/11/10/internal-investigation-finds-senior-vatican-figures-downplayed-true-nature-of-ex-cardinal->

Live comments re: release of the McCarrick Report, also my ongoing case against the Diocese of Erie: "James Faluszczyk, a former priest and a clergy abuse survivor, told Euronews Tonight on this issue: "We can't forgive the church. Survivors like me cannot forgive the church until the full truth has been revealed. Not just about cardinal Mr McCarrick". "This is a systemic and historical problem, I can't imagine it's going to go away just with one report about one man," he added. (Watch Faluszczyk's full interview in the player). (4:47) video, archived: https://youtu.be/bcV1K_alwi0

Himavanti News. (2020, November 10). Stanisław Dziwisz i pedofilia w Watykanie - Raport 2020. Himavanti Confraternity Order. <http://www.himavanti.org/pl/c/stoppedofilom/stanislaw-dziwisz-i-pedofilia-w-watykanie-raport-2020>

James Faluszczyk comments for the Himavanti Confraternity Order, the union of Himalayan yoga lineage, a strongly anti-pedophile community. Syndicated from TVN24 Poland. Link broken, archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20201201123604/https://himavanti.org/pl/c/stoppedofilom/stanislaw-dziwisz-i-pedofilia-w-watykanie-raport-2020>

Styczek, A. (2020, November 11). Watykan. Raport w sprawie Theodore McCarricka. Stanisław Dziwisz wspomniany 45 razy w dokumencie. TVN24 Poland. <https://tvn24.pl/polska/watykan-raport-w-sprawie-theodore-mccarricka-stanislaw-dziwisz-wspomniany-45-razy-w-dokumencie-4747808>

With Maria Mikołajewska and Jacek Tacek, reporting on McCarrick's overture to Stanisław Dziwisz denying accusations, which preceded McCarrick's subsequent appointment as Archbishop of Washington and as Cardinal. My comments on (now) Cardinal Dziwisz's culpability as an enabler. "Ale potem wydarzyło się coś jeszcze. Jak wynika z raportu, McCarrick napisał list bezpośrednio adresowany do ówczesnego biskupa i zarazem osobistego sekretarza Jana Pawła II Stanisława Dziwisza, w którym zaprzeczył oskarżeniom. To po tym fackie papież zmienił zdanie i powołał McCarricka na arcybiskupa Waszyngtonu. - Nie umiem tego zrozumieć, jak kardynał Dziwisz i ojciec święty Jan Paweł II mogli nie uwierzyć w te zarzuty. Dlaczego powołali go na arcybiskupa Waszyngtonu? – zastanawia się James Faluszczyk, ofiara księdza pedofila." Archived.

WBEN Staff. (2020, November 23). State AG sues Buffalo Catholic Diocese. Lawsuit Claims Church Leadership Failed to Respond to Abuse Claims. <https://www.audacy.com/wben/news/local/state-ag-sues-buffalo-catholic-diocese?fbclid=IwAR1uOVI9Rt8Pay-KRVJ70A9ilsmJ1t51-TXymOCmri4RmGU5LQBD00eqNIA>

"The lawsuit against the diocese, former Bishop Richard Malone and former Auxiliary Bishop Edward Grosz follows a two-year investigation that found church leaders sheltered accused priests by letting them retire or go on medical leave, rather than follow mandated procedures that would subject them to possible removal from the priesthood by the Vatican."

Mazurowski, B. (2020, November 23). Advocate James Faluszczyk on NYS filing lawsuit against Buffalo Diocese - WBEN Extras. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://omny.fm/shows/wben-extras/advocate-james-faluszczyk-on-nys-filing-lawsuit-ag#description>

James Faluszczyk on his concerns about upcoming leadership under Bishop Mike Fisher, and the need for state investigations. (7:13) audio, archived.

WBEN Staff. (2021, January 14). James Faluszczyk on his concerns about upcoming leadership under Bishop Mike Fisher. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. Link broken. Audio, archived.

Mroziak, M. (2021, January 15). Clergy sex abuse advocates criticize method of picking new Buffalo bishop. WBFO. <https://www.wbfo.org/local/2021-01-15/clergy-sex-abuse-advocates-criticize-method-of-picking-new-buffalo-bishop>

On incoming Buffalo Bishop Michael Fisher: "Faluszczyk stated he was not pointing fingers at Fisher. When asked how the new bishop might best show his sincerity in healing a troubled diocese, the activist said Fisher needs to talk to the victims and relate to them as human beings. "One of the concrete things that he could do is fire his legal team that has been in place for so many years, and has been responsible for so much of this," he added. "Even most recently, about two weeks ago, they hired one of the most aggressive anti-victim law firms [Jones-Day, previously fired by the Diocese of Erie] that they could have, to help with the bankruptcy. Those are some concrete things that could do right out of the gate." Audio, archived.

Baggerman, M. (2021, January 15). New beginning for Buffalo Diocese after years of scandal. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo.

"Faluszczyk [sic] took issue with the way Fisher rose through the ranks. Specifically, he criticized Fisher's relationship with former Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who retired in November and was the successor to disgraced former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. "Cardinal Wuerl ordained Mike Fisher as a bishop in Washington, D.C.," Faluszczyk said. "Certainly they were collaborators. One might say they were cronies. Fisher was his last recommendation as bishop in the United States. To my mind, that process and the people pulling the levers of that process is really even scandalous." Faluszczyk said Cardinal Wuerl was caught lying about his awareness about McCarrick's child abuse. The behind-the-scenes scandals are what is prompting Faluszczyk to lead a demonstration Friday during Fisher's installment. (7:51) audio, archived.

WBEN Staff. (2021b, January 15). James Faluszczyk speaks outside of St. Joseph Cathedral ahead of installation of Bishop Mike Fisher. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. https://www.audacity.com/wben/podcasts/wben-extras-20618/james-faluszczyk-speaks-outside-of-st-joseph-cathedral-ahead-of-installation-of-bishop-mike-fisher-354669956?fbclid=IwAR1kJHC6ZaZMWmuxxo8Yq1upzho1q6qPZgjUeX9JD8gHj0DWUeK0mOjc_W0
Broken link. Audio, archived.

Shapiro, J. (2021a, February 1). AG Shapiro statement of PA constitutional amendment for sexual abuse survivors [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/ag-shapiro-statement-on-pa-constitutional-amendment-for-sexual-abuse-survivors/>

"The Department of State's failure to carry out its responsibilities in the constitutional amendment process is shameful, and all options must be on the table to fix this immediately. Too many institutions have failed survivors of sexual abuse for far too long, and I am determined for that disgraceful streak to end and to make sure justice is no longer denied. My office has made clear that the amendment process was and unnecessary hurdle from the beginning. I urge the General Assembly and Governor to do what many states have already done and let Pennsylvania survivors have their day in court as soon as possible by passing this final reform into law." Archived.

Routh, J., & Smith, P. (2021, February 1). Kathy Boockvar to resign as Pa.'s secretary of state over amendment issue. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2021/02/01/Kathy-Boockvar-pennsylvania-resign-Secretary-of-State-amendment-advertise-sexual-abuse/stories/202102010077>

"The delay caused by this human error will be heartbreaking for thousands of survivors of childhood sexual assault, advocates and legislators, and I join the Department of State in apologizing to you," Mr. Wolf said. "I share your anger and frustration that this happened, and I stand with you in your fight for justice." "We trusted the process, and it failed us again," said James Faluszczyk, a

former priest of the Diocese of Erie and himself a survivor of clergy sexual abuse, who was a witness before a grand jury that issued a report on six dioceses in 2018.” Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20210203005801/https://www.post-gazette.com/news/state/2021/02/01/Kathy-Boockvar-pennsylvania-resign-Secretary-of-State-amendment-advertise-sexual-abuse/stories/202102010077>

Shapiro, J. (2021a, February 1).

5:09pm. Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro meets by Zoom with selected victims of clergy sex abuse in the wake of the collapse of that state’s successful legislative effort to gain a lookback window for survivors to sue institutions and individuals. Josh Shapiro Zoom.m4a (35:19) audio, photos, archived.

Dye, D. (2021, February 1).

9:23pm. Pennsylvania Senior Deputy Attorney General and chief prosecutor of the 40th Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury, Daniel Dye meets by Zoom with selected victims of clergy sex abuse in the wake of the collapse of that state’s successful legislative effort to gain a lookback window for survivors to sue institutions and individuals. Dan Dye Zoom.m4a (45:23) audio, photos, archived.

Wolf, T. (2021, February 2).

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf meets by Zoom with selected victims of clergy sex abuse in the wake of the collapse of that state’s successful legislative effort to gain a lookback window for survivors to sue institutions and individuals. Governor Wolf Zoom.m4a (2:31:05) audio, photos, archived.

Mayo, B. (2021, February 2). Gov. Wolf meets victims of child sexual abuse by clergy, apologizes for referendum snafu. WTAE 4 ABC Pittsburgh. <https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-governor-meets-victims-of-child-sexual-abuse-by-clergy-apologizes-for-referendum-snafu/35399496#>

"Pennsylvania Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar has resigned in response to the mishandling in her department. "I'm not in a hurry to point fingers at the secretary of state or the governor or even the state legislature, OK? Just do the right thing," Faluszczak said. Kathy Boockvar Pivotal election figure leaving job under an unrelated cloud Faluszczak believes that should be fast-tracking state legislation to give victims a larger window of time to sue -- doing so without waiting for a ballot question for voters to approve an amendment to the state constitution." (2:07) video, archived.

DeJesus, I. (2021, February 2). Survivors of clergy sex abuse urge Gov. Wolf to push Legislature to fast track reforms to child sex crime laws. PennLive/ the Patriot News. <https://www.pennlive.com/news/2021/02/survivors-of-clergy-sex-abuse-urge-gov-wolf-to-push-legislature-to-fast-track-reforms-to-child-sex-crime-laws.html>

"Faluszczak said Wolf was “100 percent accountable” for what he considers a failure on the executive level. “I would say none of us on the call were there to put his feet to the fire,” he said. “I think we all know he is a supporter of our plight. He is an advocate for justice. You don’t see people of his stature taking responsibility on a call. Five or six times he made it clear, unprompted, that he considers this an executive failure, and he considers it a failure for what he is trying to do for us. You could sense he regards this as a failure in his advocacy.” Archived.

Smith, P. (2021, February 2). After ballot blunder, some seek a bill on abuse lawsuits. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/faith-religion/2021/02/02/Pennsylvania-child-sexual-abuse-PA-constitutional-amendment-Boockvar-lawsuits-bill/stories/202102020153>

"Gov. Wolf, in his teleconference, “apologized to the individuals and he appreciated the opportunity to hear from the survivors,” said Mr. Wolf’s press secretary, Lyndsay Kensinger. “The governor is committed to exploring all options to fix this error and prevent it from happening again. James Faluszczak, a former priest and abuse survivor in the Diocese of Erie, is counting on that.

"He's been a supporter and he's been present to us," he said. "I truly believe he feels this as a personal failure of his responsibility to us." Archived.

Persico, L. (2021, May 18). Diocese announces completion of Independent Survivors' Reparation Program [Press release]. <https://www.eriecd.org/images/sections/news/pdf/Diocese%20announces%20completion%20of%20ISRP.pdf>

Persico: "Here are the figures provided by the independent investigators as the program comes to a close: 181 applications were received. 134 applicants received and accepted offers. \$16.6 million in compensation was paid to claimants. The independent administrators deemed 10 claimants ineligible for the program. The independent administrators declined to make offers to 30 claimants. Seven claimants chose not to accept the fund's offers." Archived.

JET24 FOX66 YourErie. (2021, May 18). Diocese of Erie pays \$16.6 million in compensation to victims of sexual abuse [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpkQp7bX15Q>

Diocese of Erie pays \$16.6 million in compensation to victims of sexual abuse, denying redress to 47 abuse victims. Copping to a tragic dynamic, Bishop Persico on not believing a child over an adult, now as adults with deep scars. Source: WJET ABC Erie, Pennsylvania. (1:15) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/p4ucRwMVTmE?si=1GZgUXzmPfhK3epw>

Feiger, L., & Sherman, C. (2021, May 28). The Catholic Church is reinstating priests accused of sexual abuse: Over the last year, at least a dozen priests have returned to their parishes or new positions within the Church. In some cases, the Vatican has even overturned recommendations from local dioceses. VICE News. <https://www.vice.com/en/article/k78zqa/catholic-church-reinstated-priests-accused-of-sexual-abuse-michael-pfleger>

On reinstatement of priests: "Back when he was a priest in Pennsylvania, Faluszczyk worked under Kaza, who was then a vicar, Faluszczyk said. In 1995, Faluszczyk says, he told Kaza that he had been sexually harassed by female staffers. "I asked him to look into it, and he didn't," Faluszczyk told VICE News. Now, Faluszczyk is left with questions about the more recent allegations against Kaza. "The public was not told anything about the nature, duration, location" of the allegation, he said. "Was it a boy? Was it a girl? Was it a minor? Was it in a high school? Was it in a parish? We knew nothing." Kaza declined to comment on these accusations. "I really am just happy to be back and I do not want to respond to any questions that could be put into some article," he told VICE News. The Diocese of Erie, where both men worked, didn't respond to a VICE News request for comment on Faluszczyk's accusation." Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2021, August 14). It's been 115 days since the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to advance statute of limitations reforms that would allow victims of childhood sex abuse to have their day in civil court. It's time the Senate voted on it, and delivered for survivors. Facebook. https://fb.watch/oAOwn22j_9/

On the third anniversary of the Report of the 40th Pennsylvania Investigating Grand Jury, this message from Attorney General Josh Shapiro. (1:49) video, archived: <https://youtu.be/wVoKvwsMI1A>

Shapiro, J. (2021d, October 25). Case update: Father Andrew Kawecky pleads to assault of eleven-year-old altar boy [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/case-update-father-andrew-kawecky-pleads-to-assault-of-eleven-year-old-altar-boy/>

"Kawecky was identified following the release of the Grand Jury on Clergy Sexual Abuse in 2018, but was not named within the report. The report has generated over 2,000 tips to the Office of Attorney General, including the information that led to this conviction. Kawecky pleaded to Indecent Assault before the Honorable Judge Linda Cordova of Fayette County. His plea will also require him to register as a sex offender for 10 years under Megan's Law. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General Daniel Dye." Archived.

Guiora, A. (2022, February). Sea of destruction: Legal and social forces enabling sexual abuse of children. SJ Quinney College of Law, University of Utah. <https://dc.law.utah.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1340&context=scholarship>

"Also, my thanks to Mr. James Faluszczyk ... for his invaluable insights regarding the Catholic Church." Archived.

Shapiro, J. (2022, March 3). Case update: Father Andrew Kawecki receives prison sentence for assault of eleven-year-old altar boy [Press release]. <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/taking-action/case-update-father-andrew-kawecki-receives-prison-sentence-for-assault-of-eleven-year-old-altar-boy/>

"Kawecki was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Linda Cordova of Fayette County. Upon his release from state prison, he will be required to register as a sex offender for 10 years under Megan's Law. This case was prosecuted by Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General Daniel Dye." Fr. David Poulson, who received a longer sentence, has not had to register as a sex offender, despite Shapiro making similar statements in that trial. Archived.

Tuskes, M. (2022, October 25). Diocese of Buffalo, AG James settle lawsuit regarding sexual abuse allegations. WIVB 4 CBS Buffalo. <https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/diocese-of-buffalo-ag-james-settle-lawsuit-regarding-sexual-abuse-allegations/>

On diocesan abuse audits and "independent" investigators who report directly to the bishop, Faluszczyk states: "I think they made it very clear four years ago that this was a kind of imperfect tool, so it's going to give us an imperfect result. So given the parameters that are in place statewide, number one, I would look for more revelations." (2:16) video, archived.

WBEN Staff (2022, October 25). James Faluszczyk on the AG's settlement with Buffalo Catholic Diocese. WBEN News 930 AM Buffalo. <https://omny.fm/shows/wben-extras/james-faluszczyk-on-the-ag-settlement-with-buffal>

While giving retired bishops who engaged in coverup a slap on the wrist, NY AG Letitia James leaves multiple questionable fiduciary overseers in position as heads of parishes, in active ministry, in control of charitable donations, and able to publicly represent the Church. The lack of new revelations or teeth in the New York Attorney General's settlement with leaders of the Diocese of Buffalo. (6:17) audio, archived.

Roebuck, J. (2023, January 6). Mark Rozzi's secret deal to become Pa. House speaker isn't the first time he's left allies reeling. Philadelphia Inquirer. <https://www.inquirer.com/news/pa-house-speaker-mark-rozzi-childhood-sexual-abuse-shapiro-20230106.html>

"Now, as then, he said, Rozzi "surprised us all." His history of striking out on his own, even at the risk of alienating allies, to accomplish his goals could offer clues to what type of speaker he might become — and qualities that could complicate his tenure. "He's a good legislator. He gets stuff done," Faluszczyk said. "But whether it's the clergy abuse issue, the Child Victims Act, or anything else, if he's acting independently and theoretically trying to cast a wide net, he needs to consult with others." "It's not healthy for survivors to be coming around talking to senators and all that parading our trauma in public," said Faluszczyk, a former priest who was molested by a clergy member in his teenage years. "But [Rozzi] is one of us. He inspired us." Archived: <https://web.archive.org/web/20230106213913/https://www.inquirer.com/news/pa-house-speaker-mark-rozzi-childhood-sexual-abuse-shapiro-20230106.html>

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"When Shapiro was elected governor, he again brought Vereb on board as one of the few Republicans among his top staffers. As secretary of legislative affairs, Vereb served as Shapiro's primary liaison with the legislature, helping to negotiate the politics of the chamber and win support for the governor's priorities." "Mike has spent decades serving our Commonwealth," Fritz said in the statement shared by the administration. "Mike has been a key member of our team and thanks to his dedicated service, the Governor's Office is prepared for the work ahead. We wish Mike all the best and we're grateful for his service." Archived.

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