

BUFFALO DIOCESE RELEASES THE NAMES (BUT NOT THE FILES) OF 42 PRIESTS CREDIBLY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN – IT IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG, AVOIDS TRANSPARENCY, AND PREVENTS HEALING OF SURVIVORS

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Bishop Richard Malone’s release of the names of 42 credibly accused priests for sexual abuse of children does not include the church file of each priest which is necessary to keep children safe, identify the negligent supervisors, and hold abusers and their enablers accountable

Bishop Malone’s release of 42 names of accused sexually abusive priests did not include the names of credibly accused deacons, religious order men and women, and lay employees (such as Catholic school teachers) who have served in the Diocese of Buffalo with the necessary approval of the Bishop

Bishop Richard Malone’s list of 42 credibly accused priests in the Diocese of Buffalo was not comprehensive since other Buffalo diocesan priests have been accused by courageous survivors and are not part of the list of 42 priests

What

A press conference announcing that the release of the names of 42 priests in the Diocese of Buffalo is insufficient, incomplete, and another indication that total and complete transparency is not the policy of Bishop Richard Malone and the Diocese of Buffalo

When

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 11:00 am

Where

On the public sidewalk across the street from the headquarters of the Diocese of Buffalo, New York at 795 Main Street, Buffalo, New York

Who

Robert M. Hoatson, Ph.D., President of Road to Recovery, Inc., a non-profit charity based in New Jersey that assists victims of sexual abuse and their families, and other victim/survivors and advocates from the Buffalo Diocese

Why

Once again, the Catholic Church is being secretive and less than forthcoming regarding the sexual abuse of minor children by its clergy and employees. Bishop Richard Malone’s release of the names of 42 priests who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minor children cannot be relied upon as a complete and accurate list since the files of the 42 priests have not been disclosed nor have allegations against transitional and permanent deacons, religious order men and women, and lay employees of the Buffalo Diocese, all of whom must receive the approval of the Bishop of Buffalo in order to serve in the diocese. Bishop Richard Malone will be called upon to release all the files of anyone accused of sexual abuse of minor children in the Diocese of Buffalo

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(portrayed in the 2016 Academy Award-winning Best Picture “Spotlight”)