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Dear Archbishop Anthony:

As a continuation to my report on what I had heard earlier today regarding Fr Luis Camacho, I remain gravely concerned with a growing pattern of sexual deviancy from RMS trained priests and seminarians. It is my understanding that the girl whom Fr Luis had cunnilingus with is a member of the NCW, and her parents as well. It appears that Fr Luis used his position of authority as a "presbyter" of an NCW community to take advantage of this child. This is a grave abuse of trust, and a tendency which a proper psychological examination may have disclosed. Unfortunately, this is not the only incident which raises alarm bells about problems within the RMS formation and screening process. I certainly hope the victim's participation in the NCW, and that of her parents, was not exploited to convince them not to press charges against Fr Luis. Prudence would dictate this is a question an independent investigator should follow up upon.

At a November 2013 Eucharistic Congress at Ypao Beach, Fr. Edivaldo warned the young girls in attendance about boys. He stated that boys will treat girls like oranges, sucking the sweet juice from them, and when they are all dried up the boys will spit them out. There are also several disturbing instances where seminarians, during public confessions in community, disclosed personal struggles with chastity and a practice of excessive masturbation. Most recently, during a mass at the Cathedral Basilica, the brother of Fr Luis Camacho and RMS seminarian, Gabe Camacho boasted to adults and children present, "*I don't know how many girls I've taken advantage of ... I should maybe have two children, three children, not even with the same woman.*" These statements appear to reveal a grave depravity in relations that send warning signals that must be thoroughly investigated by a trained and licensed psychologist.

In another incident, Fr John Wadson was allowed to minister to parishes and NCW communities in San Francisco even after the Archdiocese of Agana found out he had credible allegations of sexual abuse leveled against him while he was a priest teaching in Los Angeles. When Fr John's record from Los Angeles was publicly revealed in Guam, you allowed Fr John Wadson to disappear and you refused to address my concerns about the safety of the public. If Fr John is still ministering to NCW communities elsewhere all people in that diocese are at risk. Once again, I must ask: does the bishop in the location he currently lives at know that Fr John has had his faculties removed in Agana, Los Angeles, and San Francisco? Has Fr John been allowed to minister to NCW communities there or elsewhere since his departure from Guam?


Your Excellency, proper application of your sex abuse policy is designed to protect the faithful, yet it appears you have ignored your own policies in several critical areas. You have also failed to implement policy changes regarding conflicts of interest, which now endangers the Archdiocese. Your blatant refusal to address my legitimate efforts to protect the people of Guam, and your subsequent action to remove me as your SARC could be construed as dangerous lapses in leadership which may be exploited by abuse victims wishing to act against the Archdiocese.

Ironically, Fr Edivaldo's demented view of male/female relationships turned out to be wholly accurate in the case of Fr Luis, who was caught in the very act graphically described in Fr Edivaldo's preaching before the Blessed Sacrament at Ypao Beach Park. Was then-seminarian Luis Camacho influenced by Fr Edivaldo's forewarning? We may never know, but let us hope those same words did not reach other impressionable ears in the same way they did for Luis Camacho.

As I had questioned in my August 27, 2014 letter to you regarding the Fr John Wadson situation, if proper and thorough background checks and psychological examinations are not conducted by trained and licensed professionals before a priest is incardinated or ordained into our Archdiocese, then you not only violate your own policy on sex abuse, but you expose the faithful to unnecessary danger from sexual predators and subject the Archdiocese and yourself to great financial liability. Unfortunately, I have yet to receive any response from you to these serious questions in this area. One must now question if your inaction to these matters has been a contributing factor in the abuse of the poor child in Agat yesterday? And, will continued inaction result in more cases of sexual misconduct?

As a member of the clergy of this Archdiocese, the actions of these sexual deviants cast a terrible shadow on all of us, and the entire Catholic Church. Far more important than our collective loss of credibility, however, is the fact that these failures in policy weaken the faith within the Archdiocese. Therefore, as highlighted by the recent sexual abuse by Fr Luis Camacho against a child, and because a growing pattern of sexual misconduct appears to originate from within NCW, I once again implore you to address the questions I raised as your SARC nearly seven months ago. The safety and welfare of many innocent people depends on your impartial and immediate action. I pray you will now take these matters seriously before more innocent lives are destroyed. Should you desire, I remain available at your convenience to discuss these matters further.

In Christ,

  
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