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re: Fr. Luis Camacho, Our Lady of the Rosary, Dofa, Qatar

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To: Bishop Camillo <mail@camilloballin.com>

Your Excellency,

I deeply appreciate your timely reply to my last message regarding Fr. Luis Camacho. Thank you, too, for informing me that you already knew about Fr. Luis' situation. I wrote to you with no certain knowledge that you were aware of his problem, but with a certainty that his hurtful actions were known to the men who facilitated his new assignment in your Vicariate.

In your response, you referred to Fr. Luis' sexual contact with the girl as "strictly personal to Fr. Luis". With all due respect, your Excellency, that is not true. None of our sins are "strictly personal". In this case, his act devastated both of the parishes he served, and those parishes are still suffering to some degree. He abused the position of trust and authority that he had in our community and indeed, leveraged his position, in order to take advantage of a vulnerable young girl. Furthermore, I am now certain that he continues to be deeply involved in ministry to youth in your Vicariate, and that the parents of those young people have no idea of his recent past. For his own sake, and for the sake of the Church, Fr. Luis should refrain from youth ministry for some number of years until you can be certain that he will not abuse his clerical position with a young person again.

Sincerely,

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