

Fr. MACRAE'S APPEAL

Readers of *Catalyst* know that we have long felt that Father Gordon MacRae has been treated unjustly. In 1994, he was sentenced to prison for up to 67 years for allegedly molesting a minor. His case garnered national attention when Dorothy Rabinowitz raised serious questions about MacRae's guilt in a pair of articles in the *Wall Street Journal* in 2000.

Father MacRae's case is on appeal; he is being represented by Robert Rosenthal of New York City and Cathy J. Green of Manchester, New Hampshire. The National Center for Reason and Justice is sponsoring the case. The new trial is entirely warranted.

Tom Grover is the accuser. In the early 1990s when the alleged offense took place, it was well known around Keene, New Hampshire that the Diocese of Manchester was forking out a lot of money to alleged victims. Enter Grover, an unemployed drug addict and alcoholic. He charged MacRae with molestation when he was a teenager and won a settlement of \$200,000.

There were no witnesses, but there are plenty of family members and friends who are now talking. They say Grover is a liar and that he perjured himself at MacRae's trial. We know, for example, that when Grover won in court, he paraded around flashing wads of cash and taking pictures with it. Moreover, FBI Special Agent Supervisor James Abbott, who spent three years investigating this case, has said, "I discovered no evidence of MacRae having committed the crimes charged, or any other crimes."

For more information, go to MacRae's website, *These Stone Walls*. If you would like to make a donation to the hefty legal costs he is incurring, you can do so by following the directions on the home page. The website of the National Center for Reason and Justice, ncrj.org, provides all the

legal information you need to make up your own mind; just type
Gordon MacRae in the search engine.