

# SNAP CONTINUES TO LIE

If there is one thing that the leaders of SNAP have had in common over the years, it is their propensity to lie. Barbara Dorris, its leader by default, added to the litany of lies when she told a dissident, and sympathetic, Catholic source that SNAP did not make false allegations against Fr. Joseph Jiang, a St. Louis priest who was falsely accused of sexual abuse.

On November 27, the Archdiocese of St. Louis issued a news release titled, "SNAP Apologizes to Archdiocese and Falsely Accused Priest."

SNAP's apology was extended to Fr. Jiang, St. Louis Archbishop Robert Carlson, the late Msgr. Joseph Pins, and the St. Louis archdiocese. It was part of a settlement with SNAP in a defamation lawsuit filed by Fr. Jiang in 2015.

In its settlement apology, SNAP said it "apologizes for any false or inaccurate statements related to the complaints against Fr. Joseph Jiang that it or its representatives made which in any way disparaged" the aforementioned principals to whom the apology was extended.

When asked about this Dorris proved to be as disingenuous as she is dishonest. "It is an apology if we made a false allegation....And right now, I'd say none of them have been proven to be false." Perhaps she needs someone to interpret the apology that her organization made.

Last year, when a federal judge hammered SNAP for defaming Fr. Jiang, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* laid out the particulars. U.S. District Court Judge Carol E. Jackson plainly said that SNAP's public statements "were false and that they did not conduct any inquiry into the truth or falsity of these public statements, but instead made these statements negligently and with reckless disregard for the truth."

The Catholic League has led the fight against SNAP. We are delighted with the outcome.

We are happy that Fr. Jiang has been vindicated. We extend our congratulations to him and to his stellar boss, Archbishop Carlson.