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Fri, Nov 16, 2018 at 2:11 PM

Mr. McGrory,

Earlier this month, the Boston Globe (and the Philly Inquirer) said that an examination of court records, media reports, and interviews with church officials, victims, and attorneys led to the conclusion that more than 130 bishops, or nearly one-third of those still living, have been accused during their careers of inadequately responding to sexual misconduct in their dioceses.

Is there some way this can be verified? If so, would it be okay to have someone do so?

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Donohue
President
Catholic League



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Mr. Brian McGrory
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Dear Mr. McGrory:

Please see the enclosed. As I did not hear from you by email, I am hoping you will respond to this letter.

Sincerely,

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Allen, Scott

Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 1:36 PM

Dear Mr. Donohue -- As the primary editor of our report on the bishops with the Philadelphia Inquirer, I wanted to respond to your request for information about our finding that nearly a third of them have been accused of failing to adequately respond to sexual misconduct.

A group of seven reporters in Boston and Philadelphia reviewed the public records of all living bishops, including media reports, court records and interviews with sources all over the country.

We entered all of the information into a spreadsheet which we then reviewed as a group, eliminating accusations that were frivolous or unsubstantiated. We ended up with more than 130 named bishops who have faced accusations at some point in their career.

We chose not to publish the spreadsheet because the point of our exercise was not to fault individual bishops. Instead, we were demonstrating the widespread lack of accountability in the church hierarchy. We have already turned down a request for the spreadsheet from a group that advocates for victims of clergy sexual abuse.

I hope this helps you understand our process.

Sincerely,

Scott Allen
Assistant Managing Editor for Projects
The Boston Globe

Bill Donohue

Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 9:15 AM

Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your response. Would you at least make public the transcripts of the interviews that were conducted "with sources all over the country"?

Sincerely,

Bill Donohue
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Allen, Scott

Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 11:48 AM

To: Bill Donohue

Hi Bill -- We don't circulate transcripts of our interviews unless we plan to publish them. Thanks for asking -- Scott
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Bill Donohue

Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 1:36 PM

To: Scott Allen

Thanks. So let me ask the obvious question: Why wouldn't you publish the transcripts on your website?
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Allen, Scott

To: Bill Donohue

Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 3:08 PM

We do hundreds of interviews every week and publish the transcripts very rarely.

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To: Scott Allen

Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 3:28 PM

But this is different. It is not a news story. I am sociologist who is interested in seeing the raw data of a research project whose conclusions have been made public. It is common practice in professional research undertakings to make public the data upon which the conclusions have been made.

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