

STATEMENT OF
former Buffalo Diocese seminarian
Wieslaw J. Walawender, the author of May 9th 1992
letter directed to Bishop's of the Diocese of Buffalo
at the time of these events

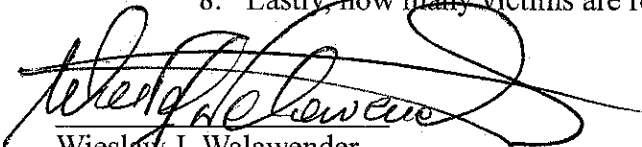
I, Wieslaw J. Walawender, affirm to ChurchMillitant upon their request for comment the following:

1. I had reviewed in detail ABC Nighline reporting, aired on July 26th, 2019
2. I firmly stand by all facts as I witnessed them, as they are spelled out in my letter of May 9th, 1992
3. I recognize the fact that the Diocese of Buffalo hired and paid investigator, Attorney Scott Riordan has now publicaly stated the following:

“With regards to the 1992 complaint, *it appears to be completely fabricated* as the complaint contains factual allegations that are wholly inconsistent with the conduct of a sex offender.”

This above statement I take as an attack on my personal credibility in the public squere.

4. Up until the time of airing this story on ABC Nighline (07/26/2019), I was not aware nor was informed as to any reasons why Rev. Riter has been returned to ministry.
5. It was in the beginning of May 2018 when I decided to speak with local station investgative journalist Mr. Charlie Specht regarding what I had witnessed back in 1992; my contact with the station was prompted by no action on the part of the Diocese of Buffalo employee Ms. Jacki Joy, who had promissed me on multiple occassions that “someone other than herself will speak with me” relating to the sexual abuse of Anthony. Further, it needs to be said that I waited at least four (4) weeks until I took the said public action of disclosure to wkbw local station
6. Further, it is important to note that the original copy of the letter published by Mr. Specht contained a copy of the letter without the author's name (as per an agreement) with the station; yet it took personel of the Diocese of Buffalo “just few days” to internally “guess” the real name of the author, that is me. How did they than guess my name as the author of this letter so fast, if they had no knowledge of it nor ever receiving it as they stated in their initial response?
7. In sum, I am not supprised to be accused of the above as I had been mocked by that Diocese and its leadership in the mid 1990! They played with my and my family's mind and soul for over 4 years. They did do so with vengeance and impunity. These are trully the dark days of the Catholic Church when so many people got destroyed: yet, to this very day, no one had asked the long shot question: what is the psychological and spiritual condition of the victim? Does the Bishop of Buffalo ever addressed the above question? Has he even care to ask?
8. Lastly, how many victims are really out there? How many more?



Wieslaw J. Walawender
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