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Re: Response to Recent Archdiocesan Comments to KTVU

Dear Archbishop Cordileone:

In response to KTVU's request for comment about the San Francisco Archdiocese's \$6 billion real estate portfolio, your Communications Executive Director, Peter Marlow, sidestepped the reporter's questions. He instead replied that, "[As expected, the secular media continues to serve as an extension of activist groups and lawyers to perpetuate inaccurate information and false accusations about the archdiocese, parishes, and priests.](#)" However, Mr. Marlow did not directly address the letter's contents or specify the "inaccurate information and false accusations."

We are attaching some further documentation in support of our November 1, 2023, letter. We believe that this information absolutely refutes your spokesperson's baseless rhetoric.

Closed Parish Ownership and Economic Value

We made the point in our letter that the Archdiocese still owns at least some of the closed parishes' property. [Attached is a property profile showing that title to St. Sylvester's at 1115 Point San Pedro Road in San Rafael belongs to the Archdiocese.](#)

The property at St. Sylvester's is worth at least \$10 million today. If you also own the other closed parishes, there is at least \$100 million you can obtain by liquidating this surplus. We put no value on the closed parishes in our earlier analysis, so this is "found" money that gives you even greater leeway in contributing to settlements.

1962 Priest Transfer to Oakland

We said in our letter that Oakland received at least 31 accused molesters from the San Francisco Archdiocese (SFAD) in 1962. [Attached is our list of those 31 names.](#) The 1962 Official Catholic Directory shows that SFAD assigned a total of 142 priests to Oakland's 74 parishes upon its founding. In other words, basically every fifth priest sent to Oakland from the SFAD is now accused of sexually assaulting children in that Diocese. Those 31 clergymen account for hundreds of victims, as well as lawsuits against both the SFAD and the Oakland Diocese.

Selling Excess Land - What Other Dioceses Are Doing to Address Survivor Lawsuits

Mr. Marlow did not address our idea of selling unused acreage. However, the Rockville Centre Diocese in New York, which is also in bankruptcy, just announced the reorganization of its seminary so that surplus land can be sold. [Most of the proceeds will be slated to help pay restitution to the 900 survivors who came forward there.](#)



St. Patrick's Seminary presents a similar opportunity. [In 2017, a one-acre parcel of Seminary property was sold for \\$6.6 million.](#) We believe that you could easily generate \$300 million from the sale of excess acreage around St. Patrick's, and still have a very nice seminary that includes a swimming pool and tennis courts.

Parishes with Multiple Accused

Along with our original letter, we also supplied a list of parishes with at least 7 accused molesters in each. [We now supply the details from two of those churches.](#)

St. Mary's Cathedral, your flagship parish, has had at least 18 accused priests. From 1950 until 2011 (62 years), only 2 years were perpetrator-free. We have highlighted the years where two or more accused abusers worked together at the Cathedral.

St. Vincent's School and Chapel has had at least 13 accused abusers. From 1948 until 2000, the school always had at least 1 perpetrator. The data also shows that as many as 7 accused abusers worked there simultaneously in some years.

If you do this mapping for all of the SFAD parishes and high schools, you would discover that there are some years where in aggregate over 150 accused perpetrators worked in the Archdiocese. This produces a greater than 80% saturation of abusers in those facilities in those years. That means that very few SFAD parishes and schools were **not** dangerous places for children.

The Value of the Terra Rental Property

[The property at 941 Powell Street in San Francisco, was recently listed on Zillow for \\$13,500,000.](#) The surplus St. Thomas the Apostle property is five times as large. The site is likely worth \$60 to \$70 million. We estimated the value in our letter at a more conservative \$25 million.

The Importance of Listing the Accused in your Archdiocese

We also want to react to your statements to the bankruptcy court about not publishing a list of accused. We will do so under separate cover. We will focus on, among other things, the lessons you may have learned about child safety from your time in San Diego where you lived with priests now acknowledged to be perpetrators.

It appears that one of these men, according to litigation records, is accused of abusing at least one victim while sharing quarters with you. You also managed a second abuser several years later when his case made it into the local news. We are guessing that those experiences shaped how you view transparency.

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