
Children of Priests

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To: Vincent Doyle <mrvincentdoyle@gmail.com>

Cc:

Dear Vincent,

Thank you for your patience in awaiting a response to your query regarding the status of the Commission's consideration of the question of children of priests.

As you know it has been one of many areas of the life of the church that the Commission has been attentive to over the past decade.

Now with a broader mandate and after a period of restructuring to align itself with its new place within the Roman Curia, the Commission recently approved the creation of a Study Group on the question of Vulnerability which will also consider the subject as it pertains to children of priests.

It will be led by Hon. Neville Owen whom you know and who is in cc.

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Questions For The Vulnerability Study Group Concerning Children Of Priests.

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To:

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Roscommon,
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21.03.22.

To The Members of The Pontifical Commission for The Safeguarding Of Minors,
Vulnerability, Study Group.

This morning I spoke with Deria at the Commission. I am grateful for her help. I am responding to Emer McCarthy's email of March 18th 2024. Deria advised she would pass this email along to the study group concerned today upon receipt. In Emer's email, she states as follows:

"Now with a broader mandate and after a period of restructuring to align itself with its new place within the Roman Curia, the Commission recently approved the creation of a Study Group on the question of Vulnerability which will also consider the subject as it pertains to children of priests." - PCPM, 18.3.24.

I have considered this email carefully and I suppose I am hopeful but simultaneously baffled. I am hopeful that now the Vatican's mandate officially includes priests' children following the Vatican restructuring of this Commission. This has been a *very* long journey since early meetings with the Commission Staff in Rome. I am relieved this is now over.

However, I am baffled by how the Commission study group on Vulnerability intends to *approach* the question of children of priests having not spoken to children of priests in any great quantity since these people are hidden. This poses a danger. The danger is, if the Commission does not speak with priests' children on the question of their "vulnerability" directly, how do they suggest a response when they do not know, *intimately so*, questions associated with this phenomenon?

It has taken the PCPM Commission almost six years to come to this point. Now the mandate is official and that appears to be no longer in question, this whole, entire issue must be researched properly.

Children of priests have been enslaved* in the past and continue to endure a new form of enslavement today, as they are born into neglectful circumstances within the domestic that are promulgated by the Catholic Church via its continued silence on the matter and gross misunderstanding of the *real* pains endured by these people. These pains are psychological and emotional in nature, denaturing normal human processes in a person's life, with abounding confusion from birth to death circumnavigating their heads.

Andrea Tornelli, as part of a 2020 documentary entitled "Hidden Children Of The Church"**, agreed that children of priests are "inevitable." Thus, children of priests will always exist, to whatever degree. It is not enough to rehash theology that promotes the dignity of the child. That same theology, revealed by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by church fathers, pre-exists all children of the ordained currently in existence and its same existence did not stop their conception nor did it promote direct care of the same thereafter.

So, pragmatic solutions, rooted in actual first-hand primary source information from children of priests, must be the beginning of the solution. One *hopes* that one day, we will live in a church free of the crime of paedophilia and cover-up of the same. However, the celibate Roman Catholic Church will always share God's green earth with her priest's children. If you are not courageous enough to speak with us directly and encourage openness to us, directly from the Vatican, what hope have we of ever been free? It will only be, when the global Catholic Church, encouraged by the Pope himself, confirms the following that we will be truly free:

'The children of the ordained and religious are to be freed from clericalist tyranny and social and ecclesial expectation that they adapt to a superfluous, adult-centred source of direct harm.'

Until this day, the harm continues, even to me, the founder of Coping International Ltd. I commend these thoughts to you and await your consideration concerning the same. I hope to receive a detailed plan of approach on how you plan on addressing the harms inflicted upon the children of the ordained and religious, which would include a plan of approach on how to come to a greater understanding of those who have suffered and continue to suffer today. In short, if you are a 'study group', what precisely will you study, if we remain hidden?

I remain grateful for your efforts.

God Bless.
Vincent Doyle.

*<https://www.copinginternational.com/slavery/>

** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000gtnw>