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**STATEMENT
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Pastor Removed for opposing Cover Up of Homosexual Harassment by Archdiocesan Employee

PLYMOUTH, Mich. – One year ago, I was copied on a letter written by the parents of a young man addressed to Archbishop Allen Vigneron, notifying him that a prominent employee of the Archdiocese of Detroit was engaging in the sexual harassment and grooming of their son. At the request of the Archbishop of Detroit, I met with the parents of the young man – twice. I listened to them and I prayed with them.

From the parents, I learned that their son was told by the Archdiocesan employee the following: that he was a homosexual; that he was living in a long-term homosexual relationship; that the Catholic Church’s teaching on homosexuality was wrong; that it was not a grave sin to engage in sodomy; and that his male lover knew that he was sleeping with other men and didn’t have an issue with it. The Archdiocesan employee offered advice and encouragement to the young man on how to be a sexually active homosexual. Every indication was that the young man was being targeted for indoctrination and seduction.

Worst of all, perhaps, was the report that Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron himself knew about his prominent subordinate’s homosexual relationship – and that he was “accepting” of it.

The Archdiocese of Detroit conducted an internal investigation into the matter. It was closed without the reported offender being terminated. The Director of Human Resources told me that “nothing could be done”. When I learned of this, I became very upset and expressed myself vociferously as any concerned pastor of souls would.

According to the Delegate of the Archbishop, Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin, “officials of the Curia appropriately handled the matter” of the reported sexual harassment. I strenuously beg to differ.

Just this summer, without being told anything about the above, another priest of the Archdiocese spontaneously shared with me his grave concern that the same alleged harasser was acting inappropriately with young priests of this Archdiocese.

As for the prominent employee, he remains in his position of Archdiocesan employment. As of this day, he continues to cohabit in his home with his male lover as a matter of public record.

In light of the horrific McCarrick Affair and the just-released Vatican Report, one would have thought that the *démarche* of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese would have been the protection of youth, not the protection of sodomites.

What we have here is nothing less than the selective and arbitrary enforcement of the Archdiocese’s policies against sexual harassment and abuse, a cover up of sodomitical vice being perpetrated by an Archbishop’s favorite, and the removal of a whistleblower pastor.

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