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STATEMENT REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF BISHOP NICHOLAS DIMARZIO OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

It is shameful and arrogant on the part of the Vatican that Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was never suspended from ministry for more than a year due to allegations of sexual abuse by two men who were minor children when, they say, Fr. Nicholas DiMarzio, a Newark Archdiocesan priest assigned to two parishes in Jersey City, New Jersey, sexually abused them.

It is not coincidental that the bogus investigation spearheaded by Cardinal Dolan and persons he hired to “investigate” Bishop DiMarzio found the allegations against him unfounded. The Vatican announced his retirement only after he was cleared by the phony and discounted Vatican trial. The Vatican trial, like the actions of organized crime, cleared one of its chieftains, which was a disgrace.

Fortunately for the alleged victims, the New Jersey Child Victims’ Act will allow them to have their day in court where a jury of peers will be much more credible and may contradict Dolan’s kangaroo court.

Cardinal Dolan broke every rule and regulation relative to sexual abuse allegations against Roman Catholic clergy and exhibited the height of hypocrisy by treating his “good friend” differently than an ordinary member of the clergy who is alleged to have sexually abused a child or children.

The problem with the cover-up of allegations of clergy sexual abuse throughout the Church is the Pope, Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops who believe they are above the law and are immune from consequences for their behavior. They must be held accountable, including the cover-up of the allegations against Bishop DiMarzio.

The first act of the new Bishop of Brooklyn, Robert Brennan, should be to suspend Bishop DiMarzio from ministry, something Cardinal Dolan should have done long ago.

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