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Your Excellency,

Church Militant's recent article, "[Listecki's Big Lie: The Gaying of the Milwaukee Archdiocese](#)"<sup>ii</sup> touched on an issue we have tried to address with you a number of times in the past to no avail. Now, due to your actions and inactions, the "gaying of the Milwaukee Archdiocese" is gaining increasing national attention and — via Milwaukee Archdiocesan priests [Fr. Bryan Massingale](#)<sup>ii</sup> and [Fr. Gregory Greiten](#)<sup>iii</sup> — contributing generously to the homosexual subculture throughout the Church that is "[wreaking great devastation in the vineyard of the Lord](#)"<sup>iv</sup> as the late Bishop Robert Morlino and others have declared.

But Church Militant addressed only part of the corruption. There are a great many more instances in which you have chosen to withhold your episcopal authority to stop or even condemn destructive LGBTQ-related activities within the Archdiocese, and others in which you have actively promoted the normalization of homosexuality within the Church.

For example, the Church Militant article addresses "Gay and Straight In Christ" (GASIC). We alerted you to GASIC years ago. You assured us that after talking to them, you were confident they were adhering to Catholic teaching. This is odd because then and now, GASIC seeks to — [in their own words](#)<sup>v</sup> — "push the envelope," promoting spiritually poisonous lies such as:

- Homosexuals are morally correct in defining themselves by their sexual inclination.
- The Catholic Church has traditionally been hostile and unwelcoming toward, not only the mortal sin of sodomy, but individuals who identify as homosexual.
- Groups like GASIC are consistent with church teachings on human dignity and conscience.
- New Ways Ministry is a Catholic apostolate ("*No one should be misled by the claim that New Ways Ministry provides an authentic interpretation of Catholic teaching and an authentic Catholic pastoral practice.*" - [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010](#))<sup>vi</sup>.

Unimpeded by the Archdiocese, however, [GASIC remains active](#)<sup>vii</sup> and is now, we have learned, advertising *inside* parish bulletins at other parishes, [such as these](#)<sup>viii</sup> (see page 8) shared by the Catholic Community of Waukesha — a cluster of four parishes and two school systems.

Last November, you awarded the Archdiocese's [Vatican II Service to the Priesthood Award](#)<sup>ix</sup> to homosexual advocate [Fr. Mike Hammer](#)<sup>x</sup> who openly promotes the idea that the Church is wrong with regard to its teaching regarding homosexual activity and needs to change.

In October, you refused to use your [proper episcopal authority](#)<sup>xi</sup> (see pages 11 & 12) to stop Milwaukee Archdiocesan priest Fr. Bryan Massingale from conducting [retreats](#)<sup>xii</sup> for “gay priests, brothers and deacons” taking place at Siena Retreat Center in Racine.

Throughout your tenure, you have done little to nothing to diminish the ubiquitous influence of disgraced and unrepentant homosexual advocate Rembert Weakland pervading multiple Archdiocesan [churches and properties](#)<sup>xiii</sup> in the form of images, “reckovations” and parish/chancery staff members.

You have failed to publicly denounce Marquette University, the largest Catholic university in Wisconsin, for perverting itself into a hub of LGBTQ advocacy by its ...

- extending employee health benefits [to same-sex couples](#)<sup>xiv</sup>
- establishing a university-sponsored [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)<sup>xv</sup>
- becoming the first Catholic university in history to host a [Pride Prom](#)<sup>xvi</sup>
- hosting homosexual activist [Fr. James Martin](#)<sup>xvii</sup> to keynote “Marquette Mission Week 2018.”
- retaining Fr. Martin’s [Honorary Degree](#)<sup>xviii</sup> presented in 2014.
- holding “[LGBTQ Masses](#).”<sup>xix</sup>

You have allowed for just one (1) Church-approved [COURAGE chapter](#)<sup>xx</sup> situated 42 miles away from Archdiocesan headquarters to serve an archdiocese of roughly 590,000 Catholics.

And, like so many of your brother bishops, in your public statements regarding the current sex-abuse crisis savaging our Church ([here](#)<sup>xxi</sup>, [here](#)<sup>xxii</sup> and [here](#)<sup>xxiii</sup>) you have meticulously avoided the use of the word “homosexual” or any related terms, opting instead to advance the insidious red herring that this is merely about “child abuse.”

In each of these cases, it was within your province to demonstrate to the entire Milwaukee community that the LGBTQ ideology is antithetical to Catholic teaching. While the Church has always maintained those with same-sex-attraction share the same human dignity as any human being, we should not celebrate or encourage an “inclination which is objectively disordered” (CCC 2357) and a lifestyle that is poisonous to both body and soul. But, other than a couple tepid, poorly proclaimed responses to the outcries of the faithful, you have offered no discernable leadership in these perilous times.

Given our Archdiocese’s uniquely scandalous past in this regard and the now near daily revelations of [active homosexual networks perverting dioceses](#)<sup>xxiv</sup> throughout the world, we are obliged to demand your public clarification of the degree of homosexual infiltration within the Archdiocese and your position on it. Your Excellency, which side are you on, that of the Catholic Church or of the LGBTQ movement?

Again, you are hardly alone in your evasion and inaction regarding this issue; many of your fellow bishops will no doubt pretend the defrocking of Theodore McCarrick and the recent “summit” mark the end of this crisis. They do not. The silence of bishops regarding the homosexual subculture metastasizing throughout the Church enabled McCarrick — and so many others — to become the monsters they are. Until this grim reality is addressed directly, visibly and vigorously, the crisis will worsen. Your Excellency, you have the opportunity — and the duty — to begin this process here and now. Call out and denounce the homosexual subculture that has long been spiritually and financially impoverishing our Archdiocese. Publicly putting an end to GASIC and explaining your reasons for doing so would be an excellent place to start.

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