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I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS WAS SENT TO THE DAILY HERALD IN JANUARY. I AM NOT ON A HEAD-HUNTING MISSION, BUT WANT THE TRUTH FROM OUR PASTOR AND OUR DIOCESES.

THIS ANGLE HAS PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN EXPLORED, BUT I HAVE YET TO HEAR ANYONE MENTION IT. IS IT POSSIBLE? YOU MIGHT HAVE THE CONNECTION.

Sincerely,

St. Peter's Family

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January 19, 2005
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Daily Herald Newspaper

Dear Garrett Ordower

I am writing this letter to you because I believe that some important information has been overlooked regarding a criminal case that you reported on recently. I am referring to the article on June 23, 2004 concerning the Mark Campobello case.

I must first state that I am a devote parishioner of St. Peter Parish, and have been involved with many different ministries in the Parish. I am not on a "headhunting mission". I just have noticed a correlation between two events at St. Peter's that I believe has not been reported on in conjunction with this ongoing case. I find this correlation disturbing and feel if it is relevant that it should be looked into further.

The two events in question are ;

- (1) Mark campobello is accused of sexually abusing 2 girls in 1999 and 2000.
- (2) St Peter's \$8 million dollar Facility Expansion campaign beginning in 1999.

This campaign, also referred to as the "new school Building", was begun in 1999 with selected parishioners (volunteers) personally contacting every registered family at St. Peter to solicit everyone's financial support. Campaign volunteers asked parishioners to pledge to pay over a 5 year period amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. My wife and I were active committee members on this campaign.

This campaign, as you could imagine, was professionally marketed for St. Peter's. These facilities were long overdue and needed to be replaced. It is still difficult to ask for \$8 million dollars, and once you start, you cannot quit. We couldn't start taking in pledges from some people and then stop the campaign later when a criminal investigation was forthcoming. Parishioners must be feeling positive about their parish community when making such a difficult financial commitment.

Therefore I ask, if information about a possible sexually abuse involving a resident priest was presented to Father Joe during this campaign, and knowing full well that these accusations would ripple thru the parish community with, at best, a negative effect, did Fr. Joe choose to "ignore" this information in exchange for a successful building campaign.

This makes Him responsible for the 2nd girl being sexually abused? I pray that I am wrong, but this weighs heavily on my conscience and I fell I owe this to the victims to get all the facts out.

Information regarding this building campaign, including dates, pledges, etc. and easily be obtained at the parish, or from Community Counseling Service Co., INC. The executive director of our campaign was Paul Barsi, CFRE. This campaign has been completed and the buildings have been erected, but I know for a fact that parishioners are not fulfilling their pledge commitments at this time due to this cover-up of information by the Parish and the Rockford Diocese.

Think about this for awhile and you will realize the magnitude of the two events and don't forget that \$8 million dollars was at stake. Did someone at St. Peter's look the other way so that they could get the money they needed first before looking into the accusations?

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Catholic

Geneva, IL