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### ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITHFUL ISSUES CHALLENGE REGARDING CHICAGO ROLE IN HOMOSEXUAL PRIESTLY ABUSE SCANDAL

(PETERSBURG, IL September 24, 2018) — Illinois-based activist organization Roman Catholic Faithful (RCF) today challenged Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan to help its organization to force the release of secret documents that may help to determine the amount of control a clerical homosexual network has in the Chicago Archdiocese in covering up the sexual abuse of teenage boys and young men around the country.

According to Stephen Brady, RCF president and founder, “We have been investigating this type of homosexual coverup since 1996. When we uncovered a network of clerical and administrative homosexuals in the case of the late Bishop Daniel Ryan in Springfield (Illinois), the press referred to us as right-wing extremists. Cardinals Bernardin and George of Chicago both protected Bishop Ryan. It wasn’t until we went public with damning evidence that Bishop Ryan was finally removed. Those who protected him, however, were still in power. The Chicago Archdiocese’s jurisdiction covers the entire state of Illinois. In my opinion, its corruption has spread throughout the entire state of Illinois.”

When Mr. Brady was questioned as to which documents he was seeking, he responded, “A number of persons have raised issues regarding the late Cardinal Bernardin’s alleged homosexual abuse of seminarians and of other young men. We want all Bernardin-related documents, including court documents, unsealed and we want the Chicago Archdiocese to release all of the documents they have, both secret and otherwise, regarding any payoffs – even if they were made through a third party.”

Mr. Brady continued: “In addition, we want the release of any and all documents related to the 1984 murder of Frank Pellegrini. Mr. Pellegrini was viciously killed several days prior to his scheduled appointment at the Chicago Chancery regarding a network of homosexual clergy who were abusing underprivileged boys in Chicago.

“We also want the Archdiocese to release all documents regarding Fr. Andrew Greeley because of his close connection to Mr. Pellegrini and the comments he made in one of his books regarding a murder in Chicago.”

Mr. Brady further described the documents that his organization wants released, and he cautioned the general public, “Experience has taught me that the first response from the Cardinal will most likely be complete denial and he may suggest that we are right-wing kooks.

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The hierarchy has said it before and we have proven them to be wrong every time.” Among the documentation RCF is requesting regarding the late Cardinal Bernardin, is the release of his medical records from Loyola University Medical Center and all records from the following court cases regarding Steven Cook, his mother and any other related court cases to which the Archdiocese of Chicago is a party<sup>†</sup>.

Mr. Brady then went on to detail the Pellegrini and Greeley information that his organization is seeking. “I refer to an email sent to a Chicago detective by an attorney known to RCF regarding the Pellegrini murder and the Fr. Greeley connection. This is just a sample of the information that I have. I interviewed Mr. Pellegrini’s “lady friend” as well; she was close to him at the time of the murder.” <sup>††</sup>

Mr. Brady concluded, “I pray that Cardinal Cupich and the Attorney General will join RCF in this vital investigation and thereby prove their concern for the victims.”

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### **About Roman Catholic Faithful**

Roman Catholic Faithful is a network of faithful laity, investigators and attorneys whose goal is to rid the Catholic Church of clerical corruption. Under the spiritual guidance of Mother Church and her holy priests, Roman Catholic Faithful has been providing parishioners across the United States with the tools to expose misconduct and bring about change within their local parishes and episcopate. RCF is a not-for-profit corporation currently seeking 501-(c)(3) (tax-deductible) status with the Internal Revenue Service.

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<sup>†</sup> Supporting documentation can be found on the Roman Catholic Faithful website at [http://www.rcf.org/2018/Bernardin\\_001.html](http://www.rcf.org/2018/Bernardin_001.html)

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