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**RCF's RESPONSE TO ACCUSATORY BISHOP:  
'WHERE IS YOUR APOLOGY, ARCHBISHOP LUCAS?'**

(PETERSBURG, IL. September 13, 2018) — Today, Roman Catholic Faithful issued a press release in response to Archbishop George Lucas' recent announcement that bishops "Must be Accountable for Sexual Misconduct, Cover-Up" (<http://catholicvoiceomaha.com/archbishop-lucas/archbishop-lucas-bishops-must-be-accountable-sexual-misconduct-cover>), RCF President Stephen Brady responded:

"In our earlier years, when our organization was investigating complaints of the predatory homosexual misconduct of Bishop Daniel Ryan (who had previously been removed and replaced with Bishop George Lucas), then-Bishop Lucas refused to meet with us to discuss the issue. He went so far as to instruct his clergy to 'not speak with Stephen Brady.'

"Every comment that came out at that time from the Chancery under Bishop Lucas' leadership suggested that Stephen Brady and Roman Catholic faithful were liars and had no idea about what they were saying.

"After the Roberts investigation (<http://www.rcf.org/press/releases/20050217LUCASCLERGYBOARD.htm>), those involved concluded they had to do something. My first indication of this was when I was attending Mass at Blessed Sacrament Parish. The pastor at the time, Fr. Hoefler, mentioned me by name and suggested that most of what I said was not true. I did say a few things that were true about Bishop Ryan, Fr. Hoefler said, but according to Fr. Hoefler, most of what I said was not true.

"My wife and children were virtually ostracized by our local Parish, St. Peter's in Petersburg, where Fr. Holinga was the pastor. Fr. Holinga, incidentally, was working in the chancery for Bishop Ryan at the time and, according to a number of clergy

who confided in me, he was Bishop Ryan's traveling companion. He, too, was part of the cover-up.

"Although RCF's allegations have been proven to be entirely correct and factual, and although we were vindicated of all of the smear tactics that were leveled against us, the parishioners at our local parish will still not have anything to do with my family (with the exception that one of my sons is asked to sing at the parish).

"With all the apologies being made by Bishop Lucas and other members of the hierarchy, no one has ever apologized to my family. Where is your apology, Archbishop Lucas?"

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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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