

Support

Louise Ecker Ziarnowski [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 2:13 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone

Allow me to express my support for the effort in requesting you to resign.

You have mishandled the priests' scandals from Art Smith to Bob Yetter to Father Biernat. I do not believe we, as a diocese, can move forward and heal with you at the helm. Please do the right thing and resign. Give our diocese the chance to heal and trust our leadership once again.

We do not trust you. You lie, deflect, and pretend to be the victim while demonizing the real victims.

Louise Ziarnowski
St. Jude the Apostle Parish
North Tonawanda

I am writing to you on behalf of Survivor Activists of Domestic Violence which I am the founding member of and as a very active lifelong Catholic in the Diocese of Buffalo. As the list of credibly accused priests kept growing I kept finding one after another on the list that I knew very well. Many of them were very involved in Youth Ministry like I was. I was on the original DYRT (Diocese Youth Retreat Team) and served as the Youth Minister for my parish when we were joined by another parish during the consolidations that happened during the Journey of Faith and Grace that was implemented by then Bishop Kmiec. I attended Catholic School from Kindergarten to 6th grade and then was homeschooled and joined the Children of Mary Homeschoolers and Soldiers of Christ Youth Group which is where I first met Siobhan O'Connor. As soon as I learned to read I started to read at mass and as soon as I got into 4th grade and found out that girls were allowed to be altar servers, I signed up. I have sang and played my keyboard in various music ministries throughout the diocese and have been involved in one way or another in various ministries. I started teaching Religious Education when I was 17 and first attended the Protecting God's Children Seminar and began reading the bulletins. I spent several years volunteering with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul while I was discerning a religious vocation with them. I taught RCIA and High School Religious Education in my 20s. I took the retreat minister training and a few continuing education courses at Christ the King Seminary (then finished my studies online through a different program as I had gotten married and started my family by that point.) I'm not trying to boast of my involvement. I just want you to know that I have spent my life devoted to our diocese and Catholic church. I'm sure you or at least Kathy Spangler have seen my many posts on facebook and twitter regarding my thoughts about the dark times we are currently facing in our diocese. This comes from a place of love for our church especially our wonderful diocese. As a Survivor of Domestic Violence, all kinds of abuse, and Sexual harassment, assault, and marital rape, I unfortunately understand all too well what it is like to be a victim. Although I did not have that done by a member of the clergy, I still empathize with the victims and feel justice and healing is our common goal. The majority want you to step down. There are various reasons why. For one, You are what is called a trigger for the victims. A trigger is someone or something that causes feelings usually negative ones like sadness and anger; often PTSD flashbacks. Seeing you and hearing you refuse to step down upsets people. Also we all know that you were aware of these things and did not handle them properly. You keep saying things that are contrary to the proof that has been provided. The media is not the enemy. Charlie and others are devout Catholics and want the best for our diocese. The only way to move forward is to move on without you. We urge you to do the right thing and step down.

I have another concern that needs to be addressed at the diocese and the pastoral level. There isn't anything being done for the victims aside from monetarily. I strongly suggest and would offer to help if needed to provide trauma informed ministry. There are many victims of all kinds of abuse that turn to their parish for help and are often re-victimized by victim blaming and what is referred to as clerical abuse. What that is basically is using biblical quotes such as those about women being submissive to their husbands to imply that women should stay in abusive marriages and not seek out help. I know that Catholic Charities offers counseling services but more is needed as far as pastorally/spiritually. The NY State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Governor's Office of Faith Based Community Development Services, IN cooperation with the New York Theological Seminary has a free publication called "Domestic Violence and Faith Communities: Guidelines for Leaders." It's a good resource to start with. I just thought while I was addressing one matter I would address this as well. This is the 2nd time I have emailed a bishop. The first time was my concerns about Youth Ministry back when I was a teenager and I was invited to the Catholic Center to meet with the Youth Department.

I have been praying for you and for Our Diocese and the various ministries here and will continue to do so. Those of us asking for you to submit your resignation are doing so out of love for our Church and feel that is in the best interest and best possible solution to start to move forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Marinaro Durwald
Founder and Director
Survivor Activists of Domestic Violence



Fwd: Resignation Of Bishop Malone

Nicole Dermody-Ralph [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 11:29 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Message I sent to the Bishop

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicole Dermody-Ralph [REDACTED]

Date: September 7, 2019 at 11:28:03 PM EDT

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org

Subject: Resignation

I am not sure if you are lying to yourself or the flock you are suppose to serve, but this diocese will never heal while you are the Bishop.

Men like you, who crave power at any cost, are the reason Catholics are leaving the church.

Save the church

Darla [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 4:51 PM

To: egross@buffalodiocese.org <egross@buffalodiocese.org>; timothy.dolan@archny.org <timothy.dolan@archny.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

I write to you in complete disgust. Your presence in the diocese is fatal to what could be and has been toxic to what has been.

Over the course of the past decade I have pulled away from the church. For me, the judgmental position of the church as it related to adoption, homosexuality, abortion in the case of a minor who was brutally raped, etc.... which has been passed onto the community, became too much for me to accept and support. And it's utterly outrageous to think that the church has cast judgment on thousands of topics/situations that are pale in comparison to your own actions. Quite frankly, I haven't attended mass in over a year, but I have been present at the last two protests as well as outside your recent "news conference" which I felt was more of a tap dance recital. Very disappointing to say the least.

What has inspired me to attend recent functions as a non practicing Catholic, is the hope for change and renewal within the Catholic Church. Catholicism, that was once a very important part of my life; the moral foundation that I was raised to uphold: truth, respect, honesty, joy, love and hope, has been something I have questioned for the past decade. Your actions, and perverse behavior in which you have continued to enable unspeakable acts has been catastrophic on too many levels to specifically cite. You know your sins and the sins of others.....I need not list them as that's something you need to reflect on and come to terms with spiritually and morally. Actions you will ultimately have to answer to God.

If you love your people and want to see the church move forward, you must resign. Your existence sends the message that one can commit: sin, lie, fore-sake, dishonor, aid and abet in the rape of children and sexual assault of adults and it's a-ok, not to mention that all the while you're cast judgment on trivial matters of your community as it relates to divorce, sexuality, morality and on and on and on.....

As Bishop you carry a staff-crosier. A symbol of authority that is shaped like a shepherd's crook-symbolic of the protective Shepard looking out for his flock. Your flock has been harmed on your watch. Several times in the most horrific ways. You have gone to great lengths to cover up and mince words to fit your personal and religious political agenda. You have failed your people. You have failed your flock. It is time to step down.

Please pray for the brave who have come forward and those who soldier for what is good and what is right, especially Siobhan O'Connor, Father Biernat and Father Ryszard. Pray for those victims of abuse that were at your mercy, and you ignored. And pray to those who you've condemned in order to protect yourself.

Repent and resign.

Peace be with you.

Darla Jachura

It's Time To Resign

Tom Rosenecker [REDACTED]

Tue 9/10/2019 9:11 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Mr. Malone

Recently you commented that the majority of the parishioners within the diocese of Buffalo supported you and wanted you to remain in your current role as Bishop. Personally, I could not disagree with you more and felt you should know.

You disgust me to the point that I don't even recognize you as my bishop and refuse to give you such a prestigious honor. I have been an active, practicing catholic my entire life. I have had the tremendous opportunity to serve my parish from a young age and throughout my adult life. However, your recent actions over the past 1 1/2 years have led me to stop donating any money to my parish, leave my parish of over 47 years to join a new parish with a pastor who also wants to see you removed, and am proud to let others know my feelings about you.

I was fortunate enough to attend catholic schools from kindergarten through college, and so have my children. I'm excited by their continued involvement in parish life and their dedication to serving those less fortunate in our community. I'm energized by their unwavering commitment to continue to do so despite your horrific lies and their low opinion of you. If they can continue to serve God, then so can I, and I truly look forward to the day you are no longer part of our diocese.

You are a horrible leader. You are deceitful, and you have no regard for anyone other than yourself. Quite frankly, I don't know how you are not behind bars for your role in the ongoing abuse and complete disregard for the safety of the innocent people you vowed to serve. I can only hope that the god you claim to serve is NOT the same God I have made central to my life.

Get your head out of the sand. The members of the Diocese of Buffalo do not want you. I do not want you! It is evident that you are too self-serving and too arrogant to ever step down, so my only hope and light at the end of the tunnel is that you cannot control time and eventually you will be required to retire. We will survive you; you are not that important. You are insignificant - deal with it.

You disgust me to the core. I look forward to the day you retire or are removed, and I will celebrate with prayers of gratitude.

Oh yes, in case you are still keeping count, let me be very clear, I want you to resign immediately.

Sincerely,
Thomas Rosenecker

Sent from my iPhone

Philippians 2:3-4

Maria Bargnes [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 11:39 PM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Richard J. Malone,

My name is Maria, I am 17 years old and I would consider myself a devout catholic. I've been blessed enough to have been raised in a catholic household with two incredibly loving parents, who are celebrating 34 years of the sacrament of marriage this October. Since I could recall Catholicism has been the origin of every aspect of my life-in sports, extracurricular activities, friendships, social activities, working and volunteering. Going to a public school most of my life has tested my faith in every way possible, but my church family at St. Gregory the Great has been my backbone through the most challenging of those times. For the past year I have been incredibly upset and heartbroken. The most "influential" and the biggest "role model" in our diocese has simply let us down. That "role model" is you Bishop. You have let me, a member of the next generation of this diocese and this faith, and countless others down. Not once, not twice, not three times but too many times that I have genuinely lost count. You have contradicted yourself time and time again, making that level of trust that many people had with you immediately disappear. You say you are going to be thorough, yet you continuously hide information that could harm innocent and faithful people. Because of you Bishop, I have thought of leaving the faith. How do I know if I am safe around

Resign

Anna Boneberg [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 9:30 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone

As a member of the Catholic Church, I am asking you to please step aside for the good of the church. Regardless of if you feel that you are doing a good job - we the parishioners do not feel that way. The clergy abusing children has been swept under the rug long enough. No man should be above the law. Catholic priests should be held to the same accountability as others - when you commit a crime then you pay the consequences.

There has been enough damage to because of the abuse that has been going on for years within the church. It is time for healing - one way to make that happen is to step aside. Allow someone else to come in and take an unbiased look at things to fix it and allow healing.

As a child abuse survivor - it is painful to watch all that is going on. It also has lessened my faith in the Catholic Church and the sacredness of confession.

I pray that you do the right thing. Stop down - let us heal.

Anna Boneberg

Sent from my iPhone

This is about the flock, not the shepherd

Elizabeth M. Gearhart [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 8:33 AM

To: bishop.malone@buffaloduocese.org <bishop.malone@buffaloduocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

I have been a member of SS Peter and Paul in Hamburg my entire life. I attended grammar school there, Immaculata Academy for high school, and St. Bonaventure University for undergrad.

My faith has always been an integral part of my life.

Over the past year, my faith has been severely tested. I made the decision to stop attending mass in February. It broke my heart, but the thought of encouraging my four children to take part in something that their mother didn't fully embrace made my decision a no-brainer.

When the sex abuse scandals began to break, I saw priests I grew up knowing, including the priest who married my husband and I, and gave my beloved grandmother her last rites.

The day the news broke about the repulsive behavior of Fr. Art and Fr. Pat, the nail was driven deep into the coffin. My 13-year-old son read the reports of what these men said, and the fallout from that night. How could I ever respect these men, let alone expect my children to do the same?

You allowed them to return to ministry as if nothing had happened. They are both present in the elementary school (which I removed my children from in 2016), and carry on as if nothing happened. THIS IS NOT OK.

I am sure you are a decent human being and believe you can fix this-- but you can't. The damage is done. You are a lightning rod for negative attention and continue to make the state of our diocese worse as the days pass. We cannot move forward and rebuild if you remain leader. Please do the right thing for the flock. We need a new shepherd. It is time.

I returned to mass yesterday for the first time in months. It was the unwavering faith of those who have been severely impacted by this scandal that brought me back. My four children and I attended mass at St. Francis in Athol Springs. We were greeted at the door and welcomed in. Several parishioners spoke to us before and after mass, making us feel as though we were already a part of their community. THIS is what the Catholic faith is about--and our diocese deserves better.

Don't let the devil win this battle. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Gearhart
Hamburg, NY

Fwd: Step Down

Michael Norris [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 2:20 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Thanks,
Michael Norris
[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: September 7, 2019 at 10:42:19 AM CDT
To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org
Subject: Step Down

You are a disgrace to the priesthood. If you truly cared about the fate of the church and the many survivors, you would step down immediately. The damage you have done is immense and irreversible. Staying as bishop is a truly selfish act.

Step down immediately!

Thanks,
Michael Norris
[REDACTED]

Please Resign

SC Naranjo [REDACTED]

Tue 9/10/2019 9:36 AM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

I am writing you today to ask you to step down as the leader of the Doocese of Buffalo.

I do not believe you have best interests at heart of those you have been tasked to shepherd. The diocese is not alone in its dealing with the aftershocks of the multiple sex abuse scandals that have rocked the Church to it's very core. Your inability to see the role you have played along with your Messiah complex only hinders the soul searching and healing that must be done.

Therefore I ask you to immediately tender your resignation.

Caren Naranjo

Please have the Bishop Malone of Buffalo QUIT

Bozek [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 7:11 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>; Kspangler@Buffalodiocese.org <Kspangler@Buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

CCing Charlie Specht as the diocese tells people they are receiving only supportive emails for the Bishop. That is NOT TRUE. He must go....I also called my parish and told our pastor to express how we distrust diocese leadership.

THIS HAS TO STOP> time for Malone to go

And stop using our \$\$ to fix up Malone's new digs.... he should live in poverty like the surrounding people do. Another sign of distrust and waste...

perhaps this will make some sense

john polvino [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 1:04 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>; Susan Colmerauer Polvino <spolvino@gmail.com>; Zach Polvino <zach.polvino@gmail.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

On the last day of February 2018, I sat alone in my office wondering how such a seemingly successful person had become so irrelevant. I reflected on the repeated destruction of friendships. I thought too about having to sell the company I built and loved because I was slowly careening to a mental breakdown. In a word, I sat there wondering what the hell had gone wrong.. I know now why I have lived a very tortured life.

I saw the news conference. I saw a downtrodden Michael Whelan announce on the steps of St Louis Church that he had been a victim of a pedophile priest. It's not an understatement to say I barely made it home. My youngest was out that night and I quietly bared my soul and secret to my wife. No one in the world knew about this. It was secret kept for 43 years and I had decided to keep it until another time- most likely after the passing of my mother. But I could no longer stand it because through the courage of Mr. Whelan I knew I had to unburden myself. I am convinced that was also the day I decided to live and not wish for my life to end. Michael Whelan's courage saved my life. The diocese's responses since have been nothing short of sinful. Heinous sin. Sin beyond the worst thing imaginable.

As you ruminate your future and continue to fortify your bunker, perhaps you will think about the nameless, faceless victims whose lives were irreparably changed. The people like me who made our way despite the odds but still left a wake of destruction in our paths. We did so because we trusted no one. The common theme of us all is a lack of trust and inability to form intimate close relationships. Ask my wife and children how this affected them these many long years.

As you continue to expound platitudes and defend your reputation, perhaps think about how set up the game to protect the Diocese and continue to victimize the innocents. Think about your parsimony of paying out an embarrassing 18 million dollars out through the rigged IRCP. Go to my facebook page and see the numerous things I've written. They are consistent every time, yet my voice has not been heard. People calling for you resign are simply grandstanding in my view because very few have been raped as children. Your legacy here is tarnished forever. The stain of the initial abuses was not on your head, but the stain of conspiracy and cover up is. I don't know if resigning is the right thing. I really don't care

It's easy to defend yourself but pointing out all the changes you've made. But look me in the eye and tell me you understand the torture we've endured. Look me in the eye and tell me there is no amount of compensation to correct your sins all the while protecting subordinates who laughed at the rape such as Grosz when speaking of Becker- my attacker. This is about the money since it's the only remedy we have to punish the Diocese for acts of violence.

Look me in the eyes- and you will see the pain in my soul. I see the rape whenever I close my eyes and it bubbles to the top of my thoughts. Did you know that? Of course not because you have not wanted to speak with me or others. I know this for fact. But don;t worry, no one else really wants to talk about it either. The fact that adult to adult instances have become ore important than raping a child is beyond my comprehension. I suspect many, like you would rather not acknowledge the systematic destruction of young boys and girls. Look me in the eye.

I doubt your capacity to reflect on my words. Your actions have been nothing but God less. It's too bad.
Sincerely

John A. Polvino

Thoughts...

Zachary Polvino [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 11:14 AM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dick,

And I feel that I can call you Dick, because, well I don't care about showing reverence for a man who shows so little for anyone, especially the victims who were abused by priests. Your absolute smugness, arrogance, and pompousness in this matter are beyond the pale of a leader... you sir, are not a leader. you are a fraud... you play the role of a concerned bishop, however, your actions show that you do not care. Actions speak louder than words. Your absolute in-action to right the wrongs are staggering.

My father was abused by Don Becker in 1975... It is appalling that you and the so-called leaders of the church have done nothing but lie, deflect and obfuscate the truth. What is even more appalling is that you have done nothing but try to protect the organization while re-victimizing the survivors.

Maybe next time I run into you at the Cigar shop in North Buffalo... we can talk in person... Romeo Y Julieta cigars, if I remember correctly. I'm sure your New England attitude, self-righteousness, smugness, and arrogance would get in the way though...

Dick, you can stay or go... I don't give a damn. What I do care about is watching the walls of the institution get torn down. Justice would be watching your sick-twisted sole rot in hell for eternity, but that would be too easy. What is possible is watching the precious wealth and prestige of the institution you want to protect be drained and funneled into the pockets of those who were hurt.

Regards,
Zachary J. Polvino

Robert L. Mietlicki

Buffalo, New York

September 9, 2019

The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
The Catholic Center
795 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

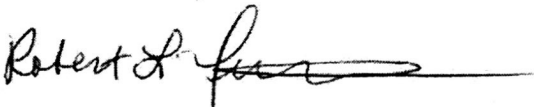
Dear Bishop Malone:

I am an active parishioner of St. Joseph University Parish, as well as the Chairperson of the SJUP Refugee and Immigration Committee. As you may recall, approximately one year ago, I wrote to you advising that I would not be paying the remaining \$7,500 of the \$10,000 pledge I made to the Upon This Rock campaign. I also called on you to resign your position as Bishop for the good of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Since that time, it has only become increasingly clear that you are not suited to serve the people of the Diocese of Buffalo. Thorough reporting from the media has shown that you were not only aware of abuse by the clergy, but that you actively engaged in covering up such abuse. Each time you speak to the media, I hear nothing but excuses and that the crisis is the fault of everyone but you.

You have had ample opportunities over the past year to show that you can be effective in supporting victims of clergy sex abuse. Your words and your deeds have only made the crisis worse. It is clear that, until you are no longer in a position of authority, the healing necessary for the victims of clergy sex abuse will not occur. I again call on you to resign your position as Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Yours in Peace,



Robert L. Mietlicki

cc: His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan
His Excellency, Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Mr. Charlie Specht

Fw: Prayerfully consider

Beverly Ruhland [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 11:05 AM

To: timothy.dolan@archny.org <timothy.dolan@archny.org>; egrosz@buffalodiocese.org <egrosz@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

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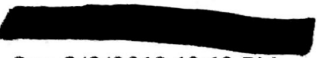
From: Beverly Ruhland [REDACTED]**To:** Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>**Sent:** Sunday, September 8, 2019, 02:17:48 PM EDT**Subject:** Prayerfully consider**Dear Bishop Malone and Bishop Grosz:**

It is with a heavy heart that we write to demand your resignations as Bishops of Buffalo immediately. We all sought in good faith to work with you for the good of our diocese. However, the events of the past several months in particular, specifically your most recent public statements, as well as the request made by the Movement to Restore Trust, make it clear to all of us that your office as our bishop and chief shepherd has been so compromised, that it is, in fact, no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church at Buffalo to heal and grow in holiness.

As parishioners, we are deeply saddened and seriously concerned about the future of the Roman Catholic Diocese at Buffalo. We are voicing a prophetic and clarion call for a change in leadership. The revelations that have come to light over the past days, weeks and months have significantly challenged the credibility of your public statements. We, the People of God that constitute our diocese, are angry, hurt, and in need of authentic, humble, sincere and holy spiritual leadership. We believe that despite your good work in the past you are no longer able to provide that leadership.

While this is obviously a difficult request, we believe in our hearts that this is a necessary step that must be taken if healing is to come to the Diocese at Buffalo. Most priests, deacons and the laity of the Diocese at Buffalo have lost trust and confidence in your ability to lead us forward. Therefore, we reiterate our demand that you resign effective immediately.

Sincerely,**The People of God of the Roman Catholic Diocese at Buffalo****Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ruhland**

Please resign
Sun 9/8/2019 12:12 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

The events that have taken place in the Diocese of Buffalo have been extremely disturbing. There is no such thing as separation of church and state when it comes to criminal acts. Sexual abuse, harassment and blackmail are criminal acts. The release of those tapes for me, was the last straw. To hear you acknowledging and doing nothing against a priest who not only violated the seal of confession, but harassed someone studying to be a priest, was unethical and immoral. If you believe that the priests of the Diocese back you, I suggest an anonymous vote from the priests. I no longer can support you as Bishop of this Diocese. You are no longer effective as the leader of this Diocese. You are only doing more harm by "digging your heels in" and refusing to do the right thing.

Please resign!

Diana M. Alvira

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail

Get the new AOL app: mail.mobile.aol.com [mail.mobile.aol.com]

Resignation

Patricia Doyle [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 11:19 AM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop

Please resign immediately. If as you say, you cannot do that, then please take a leave of absence or a sick leave, anything to allow the few Catholics still attending Church every week to find peace again in celebrating our religion.

Patricia M. Doyle

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: leave

Joseph Rosenecker [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 10:28 AM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

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From: **Joseph Rosenecker** [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, Sep 8, 2019 at 5:22 AM

Subject: leave

To: <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

At your news conference last week you said that you had received many messages urging you to stay on as Bishop.

I want you to know that I want you to leave . You are damaging the Diocese . Please go before this situation causes even more destruction to our Church.

Joseph Rosenecker
26 Hidden Creek Ct
Williamsville

Resign

Joan Turri [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 10:26 AM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>; .Malone@buffalodiocese.org
<.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone:

You need to resign. You're a liar. You need to resign. You're a fraud. You need to resign. You're a bully. You need to resign. You're inept.

You need to resign.

You're a disgrace.

Joan Turri

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android [go.onelink.me]

Bishop Richard J. Malone

James Gambino [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 9:59 AM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: nuntiususa@nuntiususa.org <nuntiususa@nuntiususa.org>

Your Excellency,

I have many awesome memories of the beauty and vitality of the Church in Western New York during dozens of business trips to Buffalo and I fondly recall speaking one-on-one with your predecessor, Bishop Edward Kmiec.

I must confess that I do not recognize the Church in Western New York today - a Church plagued with new allegations of abuse, multiple accusations of inappropriate behavior, ongoing cover-up as well as a serious violation of the seal of confession. Your recent announcement that you are not resigning (September 4, 2019) is a clear indication that you are out of touch with the seriousness of the current crisis and your inability to govern.

I trust you became a priest and bishop to serve Jesus Christ, His Church, His people and not yourself. As Jesus cares deeply and lovingly for His Church, if you care deeply and lovingly for the Church in Western New York, please resign immediately. Your resignation is necessary so that the Diocese may experience the healing, reconciliation and unity the Church in Western New York so desperately needs.

Sincerely,

James J. Gambino
8 Saddle Tree Lane
Harrison, New York 10528

SUPPORT....

Heather Schieder [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 9:28 AM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

I attended the November meeting that you held at Infant of Prague and told you that many survivors have said you never met with them. You lied to my face and to everyone in attendance and told me that you had.

A man in the front row of that meeting even cried out, "She's right, Bishop! I'm a survivor and you *never* reached out to me!" His voice was full of pain and what was your response to him? You literally shut him down, waving your hand in his face like he was a dirty word on a blackboard that you were trying to erase.

I told you at that moment that you need to stop centering yourself and making yourself the victim and start apologizing directly to survivors. I pleaded with you. You have met with a grand total of 6 survivors and never even bothered to reach out to Michael Whalen!!! Do you even realize how insane that is?

A true leader would have *immediately* reached out and done all they could to meet with survivors, offer them an apology, assured them of your best efforts to protect and uphold them. A true leader would have shown that he CARES. But not you. You hunker down in selfish cowardice with your corrupt lawyers like a little old lady hiding from a mouse.

You treat the survivors like pests and I promise you, you will have to account for that when you face God. But you will absolutely not continue to turn up your nose at survivors with your narcissistic attitude any longer. You will not continue to spit in the faces of those of us whose faith has been shaken or lost because you - a supposed man of God - continue to oppress men and women who were raped, molested and sexually assaulted as children by priests.

You are a man devoid of true empathy. Your phony "leadership" is laid bare for all to see, and YOU NEED TO GO. No one in this diocese will ever be able to truly begin again on a road to healing as long as you are holding us hostage with your narcissistic, self serving attitude and agenda. This was never about you not abandoning your flock or protecting anyone. It has always been about you hiding and protecting YOURSELF. Be a man and step down.

Heather Schieder

PS I know it's not just you who needs to go. I directly confronted Grosz at that meeting as well, and believe me - we're coming for him, too. TIME'S UP.

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Resign

Anne Haslam [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 9:13 AM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi Charlie,

Here's my email to Malone. Hope you are doing well. I appreciate all you do for the victims.

Anne

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anne Haslam [REDACTED]

Date: September 7, 2019 at 9:25:32 AM EDT

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org

Subject: Resign

Please resign so we can move on from these sordid chapters that keep happening on your watch. Your habit of keeping abuse allegations hidden until it's brought to light by the media is abhorrent. You and Kathy Spangler are less than truthful. You are certainly no role model.

Sent from my iPhone

My Support

Karla Karla [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 11:31 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

I write you with a heavy heart and sorrow-filled soul. As a life-long Catholic, I have been struggling for more than a year. Struggling with and tormented by the knowledge of what you have allowed to happen in our diocese.

For me, the horror began with my pastor, Fr. Yetter. You knowingly left him in ministry well aware of his behavior. And you did so because he was a predator of young men, not children? You then pretend to call for trust and transparency, only to continue your deceptive and appalling behavior. It's sinful. It's blasphemy.

In the past 2 weeks, more scandal has slithered out from underneath your watch. There is mutiny among your confidants, and rightfully so. Your egotistical self however, boasts of great accomplishments and much support. Where are all your supporters? Jumping ship from what I can see. You are unfit and totally incompetent. My support does not lie with you. Please do everyone in this diocese and yourself, a major favor. In the name of the God you claim to worship, RESIGN.

I pray for your soul,

Mary Ellen Sanfilippo

Resignation

Nicole Dermody-Ralph [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 10:15 AM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone-

I realized in my previous email while I stated the points I wanted to, I did not give you a reason to think my opinion of the Catholic Church mattered.

I come from a long line of Catholics on both side of my family. I, as well as my mother, Aunt, Uncle and my sister attended St, Bonaventure Elementary school, in Allegany NY. I was in the last 8th grade class that graduated from "Lil Bonas" I attended Archbishop Walsh school. I was confirmed at St.Bonventure parish. I grew up in a family with very close ties to St.Bonaventure university, which included family friendships with many of the Franciscan priests that taught and loved their faith there.

I even attended church in college and taught Sunday school, also in college. While I never lost my faith in God, in the last 10-15yrs I have lost my faith in the catholic church.

So again I will repeat my original message...

I am not sure if you are lying to yourself or the flock you are suppose to serve, but this diocese will never heal while you are the Bishop.

Men like you, who crave power at any cost, are the reason Catholics are leaving the church.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will finally put the people's needs over your own.

Nicole Dermody-Ralph

Support

Jacqueline Ornsby [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 9:23 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone: Submit your resignation to Pope Francis for the good of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Buffalo, NY - especially for the survivors of abuse.

- Jacqueline Ornsby

7 September 2019

August 12, 2019

John & Gretchen Olearczyk

Williamsville, NY 14221

Bishop Richard Malone
Upon this Rock Campaign
Catholic Diocese of Buffalo
795 Main St
Buffalo, NY 14203

Bishop Malone,

We remain strong in our faith, but feel our contributions are enabling your leadership, which we no longer trust. Therefore, this letter is being written to request return of the entire amount we have previously donated to the Upon This Rock Campaign.

Over the past 12 months, you have had many chances to show you are listening to the the people of this diocese. Unfortunately however, the decisions you have made and continue to make, demonstrate your inability or unwillingness to hear our message. We believe our diocese cannot begin to heal with you as leader.

John & Gretchen Olearczyk

Bishop Malone

Phoenix Baker [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 7:15 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>; Specht, Charlie
<Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello Bishop,

On behalf of the majority of lay Catholics who actually care about the Church, I BEG YOU TO RESIGN. Please, Bishop, show us that you care, at least, a little bit. Resign and stop massacring the image of our Church.

Dear Bishop Malone

f t [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 7:09 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>; Specht, Charlie
<Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

I am writing this letter to you as a convert to Roman Catholicism. I converted to the Catholic faith without a single family member who is a Catholic. I care deeply about the Catholic faith. I care deeply about the Catholic Church. This is precisely why I am sending you this letter, urging you to resign. Bishop, this is a time of great heartache for the Church. Having a sitting bishop who has such accusations against him is going to be severely detrimental to the Church. If you truly are innocent, then the ONLY right action would be to resign and commit to full transparency, to ensure that we know the truth. Bishop, it is imperative that you resign. I mentioned in the beginning of this letter that I converted to Catholicism. I converted because I think the Catholic Church is a good institution that has had many evil people within it, rather than an evil institution that has had many good people within it. However, not everyone will be able to make this conclusion if they keep hearing that a Bishop still is in active ministry after such serious allegations have been made against him. Do what is right. We, Catholics, from around the world beg you with sincerity to resign. You have a right, as a citizen, to a fair trial and a right to defend yourself. You do NOT have a right to drag our beautiful church in this scandal. If you were an employee at Walmart and these kind of allegations surfaced, there is no doubt that you would be fired the same day. Now, if a company like Walmart thinks that having a person with accusations like yours is hurtful, how much more hurtful is it having a Bishop with such accusations in active ministry, in an already scandal ridden country for the Church? Think about our Church, think about the victims. RESIGN!

Sincerely,

A lay Catholic

Support

Francis Bax [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 3:15 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodoicese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodoicese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Richard Malone

Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo

Dear Mr. Malone:

Mr. Malone, it's time for you to step down.

The media coverage journalizing your denial and embodiment of the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Buffalo Roman Catholic Diocese has made you and the diocese the laughing stock of the world at this point. Since published history indicated that you were serving as an administrator of the Boston Diocese at the time of the clergy sexual abuse scandal, one would think you would have learned something from that and would have made the proper plans, moves, choices, and said the right things to significantly reduce or eliminate further risks to innocent and vulnerable parishioners and community members. To date, you have said nothing other than made vague statements as well as enabled and abet sexual offenses that your minions in the cloth here in the Buffalo area have caused. Because of that, those who live and worship in these parishes are no longer safe, and in a significant number of instances like mine, we have turned away from participating in the Holy Mass and the Sacraments as well as stopped participating in parish activities and giving offertory funds to those parishes.

As a human service worker specializing in the supervision and behavioral health treatment of sexual offenders, I've met with and attempted to provide client-centered treatment of those who were adjudicated and/or convicted of such offenses among youth and other vulnerable populations. Research strongly indicates that the recidivism rate among sexual offenders is about 95%, while those who are enabled and unexposed to consequences rank among the greatest number of those who reoffend. Given published reports and from your statements in these press conferences, it's been made exceedingly clear that you have refused to take anything away from the scandal in Boston and have continued to aid and abet sexual offenders by reappointing suspended clergy offenders and placing them in different parishes well knowing of their history and danger to the communities they're serving. **INSTEAD OF REPORTING THESE VIOLATORS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, THESE VIOLATORS HAVE BEEN SENT TO "TREATMENT", AND AFTER THIS "TREATMENT" THEY HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED TO PARISHES TO POSSIBLY REOFFEND AMONG OTHER VULNERABLE AND YOUTHFUL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU SEND THEM TO SERVE AT.**

As a student and alumni of a Catholic grade school, high school and college, I was trained to provide utmost respect, obedience and subservice for those in religious vocations. I also was trained and until this scandal obey the Ten Commandments and worship God and Jesus Christ and their representatives in the cloth who are the teachers and preachers of the Liturgy. I also was well aware that there are some members of the religious who I questioned as good shepherds and representatives of those of us they were entrusted with. Currently I have lost all respect for those in religious vocations as it seems there are way too many who have no empathy or care for us, and that the thousands upon thousands of dollars of tuition money invested into what I thought was an incredible Catholic education through my Master's Degree and beyond was a total waste.

Your most recent press conferences have clearly indicated that you are perpetuating a dangerous situation here in the Western New York area. You have made it quite obvious that your narcissistic and anti-social behavior during these press conferences warrants close scrutiny by your superiors here in the United States and the Vatican, and if indicated by local, state, and federal laws (not Canon Law, which is a joke) that you should be taken into custody by law enforcement and brought up on charges of conspiracy of sexual abuse.

I wish you well in your future as a priest and make that correct choice in the name of community safety and risk reduction by stepping down as the Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo as soon as possible.

Regards,

Francis A. Bax, MS, LMHC, CASAC

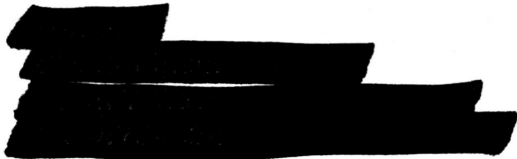
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Best,
FRAN



Francis Bax, MS, LMHC, CASAC

- Tobacco Intervention and Recovery Consultant
- Sports and Workplace Performance Consultant
- United States Bowling Congress Silver Certified Coach
- Training Consultant
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Credentialed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor



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Fw: Resigning

Patricia McClain [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 4:19 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad [yho.com]

Begin forwarded message:

On Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10:35 AM, Patricia McClain [REDACTED] wrote:

Please count my email as favoring your resignation. It is the best way to show that you want faith in the church to be restored and that you regret the way the church has handled victims of clerical sexual abuse.

Patricia McClain

Former teacher at O'Hara, Turner Carroll, Mt. St. Mary, Sacred Heart, Buffalo Public Schools
Parishioner at St. Joe's University

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad [yho.com]

Fwd: SUPPORT

Dennis Farrell [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 3:48 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Go Charlie. Keep fighting the good fight! [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dennis Farrell <denfarrell@icloud.com>**Date:** September 7, 2019 at 3:33:38 PM EDT**To:** Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org**Subject:** SUPPORT

Dear Bishop. I'm 68 years old, a lifelong faithful Catholic who loves our Church. I graduated from Saint Teresa's elementary school, Bishop Timon High School And Canisius College. I have been involved in numerous ministries throughout my life including being an altar server, lector, Eucharistic Minister and Vincentian. I have also taken numerous classes in the Pastoral Ministry program at Christ the King Seminary which I loved. I also have been active in my parish, SS Peter and Paul in Hamburg and continue to support them financially as well as Catholic Charities. I have also always supported our priests, many of whom have inspired me over the years beyond words. And I have also supported your leadership.

Recent events however have convinced me that our Diocese has reached the point that it needs new leadership and for this reason I am respectfully requesting that you step down. My conscience will not allow me to think otherwise. Please know that you are always in my prayers.

God bless and all the best.

Dennis Patrick Farrell

Sent from my iPad

Fwd: Support

Miriell Thomas Reneau [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 2:39 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Just wanted you to have evidence of emails to Bishop Malone that are not supportive of him.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miriell Thomas Reneau [REDACTED]**Date:** September 7, 2019 at 1:07:09 PM EDT**To:** Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org**Subject:** Support

for the good people of the diocese of Buffalo, Fr. Ryszard Biernat, and all other survivors of clerical abuse

Bishop Malone,

Listen to the voice of reason and offer Pope Francis your resignation. At best, you have woefully mishandled grave allegations of priestly abuse and misconduct in your diocese. At worst, you have done so deliberately and with full knowledge. Either way, your flock needs a shepherd that it can trust. Step down, and devote your life to prayer and penance.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

St. Joseph, patron of the diocese of Buffalo and protector of innocents, pray for us.

Miriell Thomas Reneau

FYI Bishop**Jewelery Handmade** [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 2:23 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I'm an ex employee of The Diocese and I can only hope more whistleblowers come forward. I have witnessed first hand the fear, intimidation, bullying, retaliation, verbal and emotional abuse from your administration.

I've witnessed department directors cater to your every want with no expense spared.

I've seen the coverup machine in action with only concern for accused priests and your image.

I've seen the emails and case files of victims who were waiting over 10 years for some kind of justice.

I've been inside the fortress protected by lawyers, millions of dollars, staff willing to look the other way while victims were a last thought and accused priests were given special treatment.

Good concerned employees were bullied into staying quiet or quitting.

You promoted 2 people responsible for known bullying.

I am still traumatized from working there. I have never been screamed at or threatened for doing my job.

You've been a force of destruction. Your administration is bad. The Diocese has a sickness.

That's why I left. And that's why I reported everything I saw to the DA and FBI.

Fwd: PLEASE RESIGN

Donna Nalbach [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 1:04 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Charlie,

fyi.... You can use my letter, but please block out my email address. Keep up the fight; we are with you.

Regards,
Donna

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Donna Nalbach** [REDACTED]

Date: Sat, Sep 7, 2019 at 1:01 PM

Subject: PLEASE RESIGN

To: <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Bishop Malone:

For over one year, the faithful have watched the mistreatment of victims, corruption, lies, scandal, lack of leadership, and cover-up. No more. For the sake of the faithful, and the health of the Diocese of Buffalo, please tender your resignation immediately. You have lost the trust and respect of Catholics in Western New York, including this convert.

You and your leadership team are not the people that can guide the Diocese through this plague; you are only perpetuating it by staying. It is time to leave.

Sincerely,

Donna Nalbach

Resign

Matthew Owcarz [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 12:28 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

As a non-practicing Catholic and formerly active member of my church (St. Joseph University parish), I urge you to resign. I can definitively tell you that your direct actions and inactions have led to my leaving the church as well as the decision to not raise my children Catholic. In my opinion, your lies and cover ups are a disgrace and are a direct reflection of your character. I do not need my children raised in a church that has role models such as you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew W. Owcarz

(No subject)

Sharon Hartman [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 10:39 AM

To: ishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <ishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>; Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>; pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone and Bishop Grosz:

It is with a heavy heart that we write to demand your resignations as Bishops of Buffalo immediately. We all sought in good faith to work with you for the good of our diocese. However, the events of the past several months in particular, specifically your most recent public statements, as well as the request made by the Movement to Restore Trust, make it clear to all of us that your office as our bishop and chief shepherd has been so compromised, that it is, in fact, no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church at Buffalo to heal and grow in holiness.

As parishioners, we are deeply saddened and seriously concerned about the future of the Roman Catholic Diocese at Buffalo. We are voicing a prophetic and clarion call for a change in leadership. The revelations that have come to light over the past days, weeks and months have significantly challenged the credibility of your public statements. We, the People of God that constitute our diocese, are angry, hurt, and in need of authentic, humble, sincere and holy spiritual leadership. We believe that despite your good work in the past you are no longer able to provide that leadership.

While this is obviously a difficult request, we believe in our hearts that this is a necessary step that must be taken if healing is to come to the Diocese at Buffalo. Most priests, deacons and the laity of the Diocese at Buffalo have lost trust and confidence in your ability to lead us forward. Therefore, we reiterate our demand that you resign effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hartman

Bishop Malone

Diana Windsor [REDACTED]

Mon 9/9/2019 12:16 AM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am a practicing Catholic at my parish and actively participate as a Eucharistic Minister, choir member, and parish council member.

In order for the Diocese of Buffalo to be able to heal and move forward, Bishop Malone must resign immediately.

I have also lost faith in the entire chancery staff (including Bishop Grosz, Sr. Regina Murphy, and all board members) and would like to see all of them resign or removed.

Diana Windsor

Still Praying for you

Elizabeth Truesdell [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 9:32 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

With all the scandal, lies, and deception- my heart is broken as our diocese is being attacked from the inside out. There is no trust, no consolation, no opportunity to heal. While I may have accepted your initial apology, or subsequent excuses, I could never trust in your leadership again. Please consider resigning. With you as our bishop, my family will not be donating to or attending any diocese-sponsored events or fundraisers. You and all priests are in my prayers, and always will be.

Liz Truesdell

Bishop Malone

Ginny Ingold [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 8:12 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Charlie,

My husband and I spent 10 wonderful years in buffalo from 1994-2004. My husband was ordained by Bishop Mansell on June 9th 2001. We were members of St. Gregory the Great parish and had wonderful memories there. Our daughter went to Sacred Heart Academy and our son went to St. Joseph's. We are still very close to the friends we made during our time there. I saddens us to read and hear about the abuses in our Universal Church and especially The two parishes we attended most, St Gregory the Great and St. Mary's in Swormville. We believe it is time for Bishop Malone to step down for the good of the Church and the faithful.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Gary Ingold

Ginny Sent from my iPhone

My Support

Karla Karla [REDACTED]

Sat 9/7/2019 11:31 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

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I pray for your soul,

Mary Ellen Sanfilippo

Please read and resign.

Gretchen Olearczyk [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 3:27 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>; Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Malone -

Please count this email as one of the many laity who would like you to resign.

You along with many priests, nuns deacons and laity have been fishing and collecting fish for our church. God did make us fisherman. NOW due to your actions and leadership you threw many of the fish back into the sea causing many to leave OUR church. We can not afford to loose people in the Catholic Church. Jesus is flipping tables in our church as he did in the temple. Now it is time to clean it up for God and you can help by resigning.

During the processes of resigning I DO hope you are not holding mass and consecrating bread and wine. You do not deserve right now to hold Jesus in your hands.

Gretchen Olearczyk

Resignation

Sun 9/8/2019 2:48 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>; pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

It is time for you and Bishop Grosz to resign. You owe it to the faithful of the Diocese to offer clean house to build up from. I have to admit, I am no longer Catholic because of these scandals. I went to CKS, I have a MA in Theology, I taught at a Catholic School. I was a very involved Catholic and my husband had started studying to be a priest until he met me. We have 2 young children who were both baptized Catholic and have our friend, who is a priest, for a Godfather. We attended St. George's in West Falls and complained about Father Pat, but he remained there and people left. He is now under investigation. I know some of the priests and some of the victims and I do not feel that we can move forward with you still in power. I was going to send my kids to Catholic school, my son just started public school last week because I can not trust what is going on. We are now Lutheran and very involved in that church. I wonder how many families like us you have lost with this scandal. I have to believe your hubris will just turn more people off. Please resign for the good the diocese.

Sincerely,
Carol Kowalik-Happy

Crisis in the Diocese

Ziarnowski, Edward [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 2:31 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone ,

I sincerely request that you tender your resignation. Enough is Enough! Stop the cover up. You have lost the confidence of Parishioners and are causing more harm.

Sincerely,
Ed Ziarnowski
St.Jude the Apostle North Tonawanda

Church leadership

Eileen Olearczyk [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 2:15 PM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear "Bishop" Malone

There is an expression - Actions speak louder than words - Your actions over the past year and a half are deplorable and have "spoken volumes".

You care more about protecting your "title" than your flock. The most recent revelations re your and Archbishop Grosz require that you both resign from the leadership positions you now hold! One who truly cared for his flock would realize he has betrayed his flock and his church

Sent

Fwd: resign please, sir.

Kathryn Schiappa [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 1:58 PM

To: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathryn Schiappa [REDACTED]

Date: September 7, 2019 at 9:22:03 AM EDT

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org

Subject: resign please, sir.

Bishop Malone,

My name is Kathryn and I have been a Catholic since birth. I am 35 years old, married in the church (at the beautiful Basilica in Lackawanna), and my husband and I have 4 children. We are dismayed and distraught to see the way in which you have handled the sexual abuse crisis. I have voiced my opinion and signed petitions to say that I believe you should step down from your position. I believe that you have actually made this whole situation somehow worse by staying in your role. The diocese is hurting now (both your local Catholics and those who are no longer in the area, like me). Every single Catholic that I have spoken to in the Buffalo area is praying that you step down from your position. Please allow the Lord to answer our prayers and allow a new leader to guide this Buffalo flock.

In His name,

Kathryn Lata

Sent from my iPhone

Please

Ahrens, John [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 11:45 AM

To: bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org <bishop.malone@buffalodiocese.org>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Malone,

My wife and I have been practicing Catholics for our entire 55 years on this earth. Our children have attended Catholic grammar and high school, and one attended Catholic college. It goes without saying that our Catholic Church is at a crossroads, and I implore you to consider the role that you've played in getting us to where we are today. It isn't difficult for you or anyone to condemn the abhorrent behavior of many priests in this and many dioceses across the country. What we need from you and other leaders in our Church, is a complete review of nearly every facet of our Catholic faith, starting with the ridiculous requirement that Catholic priests remain celibate for their entire lives. What this has created is a fraternity of sexually frustrated young men, and what we are witnessing today, bears this out.

The changes required in our Church go way above your position as bishop of Buffalo. But unfortunately, you are mired in a tradition of cover-ups, half-truths and protection for the dwindling number of priests left in our diocese, and for this we implore you to step down from your position as Bishop of Buffalo.

My wife and I haven't placed an envelope in the collection basket for 3 months, my children don't even consider attending Mass, and until we see that the Catholic church recognizes that they cannot continue with the fundamental principals to which they adhere to, we will not contribute anything to our parish, and our beloved Church will continue to decline.

Our faith is strong, but our confidence in you and many Catholic leaders is completely diminished. I can only hope and pray that a new leader for our diocese, can be someone that can find a way to bring us together in a way that you simply cannot. You are simply too obsessed with your own reputation and legacy, to see that the people of Buffalo are crying out for a new proactive spiritual leader.

Sincerely,

John R. Ahrens

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note9.

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Dear Bishop Malone and Bishop Grosz:

It is with a heavy heart that we write to demand your resignations as Bishops of Buffalo immediately. We all sought in good faith to work with you for the good of our diocese. However, the events of the past several months in particular, specifically your most recent public statements, as well as the request made by the Movement to Restore Trust, make it clear to all of us that your office as our bishop and chief shepherd has been so compromised, that it is, in fact, no longer possible for you to exercise the spiritual leadership required for the church at Buffalo to heal and grow in holiness.

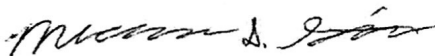
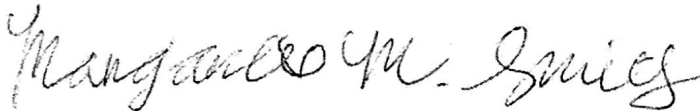
As parishioners, we are deeply saddened and seriously concerned about the future of the Roman Catholic Diocese at Buffalo. We are voicing a prophetic and clarion call for a change in leadership. The revelations that have come to light over the past days, weeks and months have significantly challenged the credibility of your public statements. We, the People of God that constitute our diocese, are angry, hurt, and in need of authentic, humble, sincere and holy spiritual leadership. We believe that despite your good work in the past you are no longer able to provide that leadership.

While this is obviously a difficult request, we believe in our hearts that this is a necessary step that must be taken if healing is to come to the Diocese at Buffalo. Most priests, deacons and the laity of the Diocese at Buffalo have lost trust and confidence in your ability to lead us forward. Therefore, we reiterate our demand that you resign effective immediately.

Sincerely,



Lillian M. Smith



The People of God of the Roman Catholic Diocese at Buffalo

Resign and repent!

Jim Janco [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 12:54 PM

To: Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org <Bishop.Malone@buffalodiocese.org>

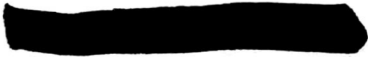
Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

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Bishop malone. I'm far away in southern New Jersey. I've been scandalized by the actions of the church but in particular the stories coming out of buffalo are horrible. I call on you to resign. Contrary to what you state, your inaction in this case causes harm to the church. How many more people will differ bc of your scandal. Admit your mistake and bring healing to the body of Christ. It's not too late, but it is time now!

Mr. specht. I don't know if your catholic but your actions are what will save our Church!

Bishop Grosz


Sun 9/8/2019 12:48 PM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Bishop Malone,

How utterly disgraceful and disgusting that Bishop Grosz would be making jokes while reading tragic stories of victims of sex abuse whose lives were shattered. He should step down. What is wrong with that guy?

Several years ago, I called the diocese and spoke with Jackie Joy on behalf of an abuse survivor. I found her to be compassionate, professional and earnest. I know Judge Howe and Judge Gorski. They too are professional and compassionate people. What must they think of this despicable behavior of Bishop Grosz, who clearly doesn't get it.

This man should be relieved of his duties.

Jeannine Higgins

Philippians 2:3-4

Maria Bargnes [REDACTED]

Sun 9/8/2019 11:39 PM

To: pbaez@buffalodiocese.org <pbaez@buffalodiocese.org>

Cc: Specht, Charlie <Charlie.Specht@WKBW.com>

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Bishop Richard J. Malone,

My name is Maria, I am 17 years old and I would consider myself a devout catholic. I've been blessed enough to have been raised in a catholic household with two incredibly loving parents, who are celebrating 34 years of the sacrament of marriage this October. Since I could recall Catholicism has been the origin of every aspect of my life-in sports, extracurricular activities, friendships, social activities, working and volunteering. Going to a public school most of my life has tested my faith in every way possible, but my church family at St. Gregory the Great has been my backbone through the most challenging of those times. For the past year I have been incredibly upset and heartbroken. The most "influential" and the biggest "role model" in our diocese has simply let us down. That "role model" is you Bishop. You have let me, a member of the next generation of this diocese and this faith, and countless others down. Not once, not twice, not three times but too many times that I have genuinely lost count. You have contradicted yourself time and time again, making that level of trust that many people had with you immediately disappear. You say you are going to be thorough, yet you continuously hide information that could harm innocent and faithful people. Because of you Bishop, I have thought of leaving the faith. How do I know if I am safe around

priests? Simple answer- I don't know and probably never will, that is until the heros of this diocese Mr. Specht and other news investigators come to the people of this community with the transparency that YOU promised. Bishop, you know what you have done is wrong and if you don't then please listen to the thousands of people who are telling you what you are doing is wrong- trust your flock. I am sure you are man of Christ, but you have not shown that ideology in this diocese. I believe your "calling to stay in the diocese of Buffalo" was a butt dial. Bishop Richard J. Malone I am asking you with the best intentions of my heart for you to resign from the diocese of Buffalo and move on to your next calling. Everyday I wear a bracelet with the letters WWJD, it stands for "What would Jesus do." Jesus would not cover up sexual abuse or lie to his people, he would admit his faults and try to become a more godly and faithful man. Please ask yourself that question. I pray that you have the courage and compassion to resign and to understand why it is for the better. God bless you Bishop.

With God's Grace,
Maria Bargnes