

Breaking the Silence

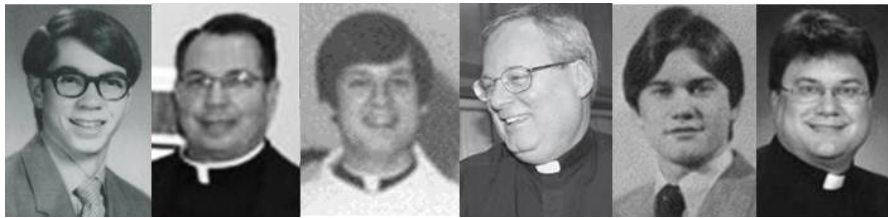
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In May 2002, about six weeks after Bishop Anthony J. O'Connell of Palm Beach, Fla., admitted that he sexually molested students during his 26-year career as rector and faculty member, Bishop John R. Gaydos closed St. Thomas Seminary in Hannibal.

As we know, Gaydos protected O'Connell just as Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe did. Both remained silent even when O'Connell was promoted to Palm Beach from Knoxville, Tenn.

Ten years later, Gaydos still refuses to investigate St. Thomas scandal. Many of those who were educated in Hannibal would like to know how this tragedy happened. We know some of our classmates have answers. We know some of our teachers have inside information about the culture of abuse there.



So today, we turn to two of the ordained alumni and faculty for help. Each has pertinent information about O'Connell. Each is familiar with the scandal.

Critical to resolving this matter and healing the pain of multiple generations of boys are: Gregory L. Higley (above, left to right), vicar general; Marion J. Makarewicz, former rector; and David D. Cox, teacher and spiritual director. But they remain silent and they are rewarded with important posts and titles: in August 2006 they were named monsignors. We ask them to break the silence

Msgr. David C. Cox

At this time, Msgr. Cox needs to address the following:

- Msgr. Cox continues to protect O'Connell, the Rev. Gary Pool, the Rev. James P. McNally and other predatory priests who taught at STAS.
- Msgr. Cox needs to explain why he denied some victims emergency medical treatment, including two suicide attempts due to due O'Connell in the 1980s.
- Msgr. Cox needs to explain the essence of his friendship with Father Pool.

Demand an Independent Investigation of the St. Thomas today!



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Dear Mike,

I'm hoping to come to Missouri straight from Texas on about Dec. 17 or 18. Then I'll go to Nebr. on the 20th or 21st. The reason I'm doing this is because G. Higley wants to work at a gas station during vacation & because the weekend of Dec. 27 is so close after Christmas. The "hole's" vacation period is short too. Hope it works . . . although even after planning it this summer, G. Higley seems to have little enthusiasm for it -- would rather I'd return to "the hole" for graduation!!!

Did you get the Pinto? Apt.?

Glad you offered proper Thanksgiving!

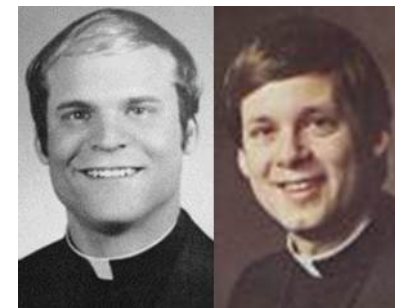
News Notes:

M. Johnston visited during Alumni Day . . .
Fr. S. & I went out Sunday . . .
Missed the show on OU & Nebr.; my cousins are for OSU in Stillwater & detest OU in Norman . . .
Hot-Line from Ohio tells me almost all my friends have been told their association with me is being held against them . . .
Everyone knows about Pool & Cox, but Pool & Cox pretend no-one knows . . .
G. Higley is in total hiding . . .
Brubaker is joining St. Augustine, Fl., Diocese . . .
Bosso is to return soon, e.g., Jan. or Sept. '79 to Miami Sem., . . .
Fr. O'C does know about Pool, etc., . . .
Papers are still killing me . . .
Will spend Thanksgiving in Okla., . . .

Thanks for the poem about "Friendship."

Oh yes, Conservatives . . . anniversary Mass of deceased person at HTS today . . . BLACK VESTMENTS USED . . . love it!

Affectionately,



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