

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE:

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: Nos. 75, 77-82, 84-87, 89, and 104 WM 2018

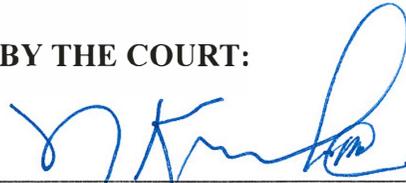
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THE FORTIETH STATEWIDE  
INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, at the request of the jurors of the Fortieth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, the attached Objections are filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as part of the record in the above-captioned matter. It is respectfully requested that the Supreme Court release this statement to the public.

**BY THE COURT:**



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Supervising Judge  
40<sup>th</sup> Statewide Investigating Grand Jury

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Docket No.

In RE:

**OBJECTIONS OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> STATEWIDE INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY TO  
MODIFICATIONS, REDACTIONS AND STAY OF REPORT NO. 1.**

AND NOW, come members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and file the following Objections to Modifications, Redactions and Stay of Report No. 1.

1. In January, 2016, the PA Supreme Court approved the establishment of the 40<sup>th</sup> Statewide Investigating Grand Jury ("IGJ"). In May, 2016 the 40<sup>th</sup> IGJ was empaneled to address open cases from the 37<sup>th</sup> Grand Jury and investigation of cases regarding child sexual abuse, endangering the welfare of children and obstruction of justice in and by the Roman Catholic Church.
2. After two years of investigation, testimony by a myriad of witnesses and victims and review of hundreds of thousands of documents, the 40<sup>th</sup> IGJ authored and UNANIMOUSLY voted on a Report in April, 2018 regarding the abuse of children by Roman Catholic priests.
3. This Report was to be made public by the Attorney General's office in late June, 2018.
4. On June 20, 2018 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ordered a stay of Report No. 1 due to multiple challenges to its release. The stay was ordered for the purpose of hearing objections to the Report's content with the possibility of amending, altering, or redacting certain portions.
5. The 40<sup>th</sup> IGJ argues that Report No.1 should be released in its original form for the following reasons:
  - a. During the 24 months in session, we received an overwhelming amount of evidence regarding sexual abuse of children by Roman Catholic priests. This evidence did not come from gossip or hearsay. It came from direct testimony of victims and the review of actual church records and countless secret diocesan documents. Most of these documents had been hidden from the public and, most importantly, from victims and their families for many years.

- b. Bishops from all six dioceses were given the opportunity to appear and give live testimony. Five Bishops chose to present statements that were read and considered by the jurors. One bishop personally testified before us. All testimony and statements were considered in preparation of our report.
  - c. We heard testimony, whether in person, written, or in one instance, by telephone, from witnesses who were victims of sexual abuse by priests. We listened as they poured out their hearts telling of the agony and torment they endured since being victimized. They had waited so long to be heard; they deserve to be heard and validated. Their validation will come when the report becomes public.
  - d. A majority of the witnesses testified that they contacted their pastors/dioceses/bishops regarding the sexual abuse. For individuals to now argue that they have a right to cross-examine the witnesses is offensive. The Roman Catholic church had their chance and chose not to properly investigate the abuse claims at the time the allegations were made. Church documents show that the "investigations", when conducted, had more to do with the cover-up for the good of the "institution" rather than with protection of abused children.
6. The 40<sup>th</sup> IGJ unanimously concluded that the overwhelming evidence warrants public disclosure and recommendations for change. The Roman Catholic church must be held accountable for its inaction to protect the most vulnerable.
  7. We are an investigative Grand Jury. We reviewed the facts. The Report contains our conclusions and findings. Justice is not being served by delaying the release of the report to the public.

WE, the members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Statewide Investigative Grand Jury, object to any attempts to censor, alter, redact or amend Report No. 1 and request the release of the full report immediately.

Respectfully submitted:



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The Members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Statewide  
Investigating Grand Jury by its Foreman

Juror Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 25, 26, 29, 30, 31