

Simon McGarr sent a message to the members of Expel the Irish Papal Nuncio.

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Subject: Sample Letters Demanding the Papal Nuncio's Expulsion. And thanks.

Dear all,

Thank you very much for taking the time to join the Expel the Irish Papal Nuncio Facebook Group.

Weight of numbers matter in a tightly focused group, making a credible demand. The more members, the more likely the issue is to be picked up and reported in the national and international media.

But direct action by 1000+ people makes an enormous and immediate impact in a country the size of Ireland. So I'm asking you to take the next step and write to your TDs and to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Justice.

Two sample letters are attached below- one from me, aimed at TDs, and an excellent one from Ruaidhrí Mulveen addressed to the Ministers. Please rewrite, add or subtract from either or both of them so that they reflect your voice and opinion.

And then I'd ask you to take the next step and post those letters in real envelopes into a physical postbox. Nothing is as effective as a physical piece of paper being delivered to a TDs office. And nothing makes them sit up and pay attention as much as multiple letters on the same topic.

I promise you, if over a thousand of us send these letters to our TDs and Ministers this will become a red hot issue overnight.

Here are the letters, and below them, you'll find a link to a page where you can look up TDs by constituency.

Many thanks to all of you for joining. If successful, this campaign will send a signal about Ireland and the Vatican to the world.

Yours
Simon

Letter to Ministers

Dear Minister Ahern,

The Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Sexual Abuse in the Dublin ArchDiocese clearly states that the Papal Nuncio, the Diplomatic representative of the Vatican, refused to reply to investigators. This is not acceptable. The Irish Government has the power to expel diplomats. If we are to take the report's findings seriously, we must expel the Papal Nuncio. Additionally as the report states that letters sent to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in the Vatican were also ignored, the Irish state must also recall its representatives to the Vatican.

It is unacceptable that the representatives of a foreign state should ignore such a serious inquiry into the criminal conspiracy to protect serial abusers of children. The fact that the Papal Nuncio, and the Vatican itself, not only refused to assist the inquiry through inaction, but did not reply to a government founded inquiry, displays a high level of contempt for the Irish people and the Irish Republic, and is a serious insult to those who have been seriously abused and injured by the actions of the Catholic Church, as reported in both the Ryan and Murphy reports.

It is regrettable that the present Government has to date not taken any official diplomatic action against the Vatican state and its official representative in Ireland. If any other foreign state had shown such disdain for the Irish Government and people, I would only assume that some diplomatic sanctions would have been put in place. Is it possible that the Vatican is immune to diplomatic action from the Irish State due to its status as the religious centre of the Roman Catholic Church? If so I would ask that the words of Minister Ahern that 'no one can hide behind a collar' be put in place at the diplomatic level as well as they should be at the level of criminal prosecution.

To ensure future cooperation into the investigation of criminality and the protection of abusers and cover up of their crimes, the Irish state must expel the Papal Nuncio and recall the Irish representatives to the Vatican immediately. The Vatican and its representatives should be aware that the Irish people and state require nothing less than 100% cooperation in to the investigation of serious crimes against the citizens of Ireland.

I can only assume that any inaction by the Government on this matter is an implicit endorsement of the reprehensible actions of the Vatican and the Archdiocese of Dublin as outlined in the the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Sexual Abuse in the Dublin Archdiocese by the present Government and the Fianna Fail party.

I look forward to seeing action taken on this matter in the immediate future and to your reply.

Sincerely,

Letter to TDs

Dear <<Name>>,

I write to you to after the publication of the report of the Commission of Inquiry into child abuse in the Dublin Diocese.

I wish to express in the strongest terms my opinion that the Irish Government must act now to expel... the Irish Papal Nuncio as a mark of disapproval at his failure to respond to the investigators. Expulsion of a diplomat is the correct form of response when one state has acted contrary to another's vital interests.

From the Report:

Paragraph 2.24

"The Commission wrote to the Papal Nuncio in February 2007 requesting that he forward to the Commission all documents in his possession relevant to the Commission's terms of reference, "which documents have not already been produced or will not be produced by Archbishop Martin". The letter further requested the Papal Nuncio, if he had no such documentation, to confirm this. No reply was received. The Commission does not have the power to compel the production of documents by the Papal Nuncio or the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Commission again wrote to the Papal Nuncio in 2009 enclosing extracts from the draft report which referred to him and his office as it was required to do. Again, no reply was received."

This contemptuous response would be unacceptable even if it was a personal failing and not indicative of the Vatican State's attitude to this effort to inquire into the Church. However, as the report shows in paragraph 2.23 this 'stonewalling' was entirely reflective of the Vatican State's approach to the Commission.

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I have already written to the Minister for Foreign Affairs to this effect. I look forward to receiving confirmation that you have also contacted the Minister to support this call to

action.

Yours faithfully,

<<<Your Name>>>

Useful Links for contacting your TDs.

<http://www.facebook.com/l/9afb8;www.irishpoliticians.com/newdailbyconstituency.php>

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