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Archbishop Eamon Martin
President of the Irish Episcopal Conference
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Dear Archbishop Martin,

The Lumen Fidei Institute, which represents parents from every diocese in Ireland, would like to address some of the questions you posed in your request for feedback ahead of the universal Church summit on safeguarding in Rome this month.

In your opinion, what are the greatest risk factors for the sexual abuse of minors in Ireland?

The greatest risk factor for clerical sexual abuse of minors in Ireland is the presence of homosexually active same-sex attracted priests in ministry in this country. That this aspect of the problem has been ignored for so long and continues to be ignored only prolongs the problem. The downplaying of the homosexual nature of most of the clerical abuse in Ireland would seem to indicate a desire to cover-up for homosexually active priests in ministry. These men should never have been ordained to the priesthood because their same-sex attractions endanger the faithful, particularly those who are vulnerable.

Cardinal Gerhard Muller recently pointed out the obvious when he said, “One cannot escape this reality, the vast majority of abuses committed by priests are homosexual acts,”

A young man, aged seventeen years and eleven months old, who is abused by a cleric is technically a minor. The abuse however is homosexual abuse and the fact that this is being ignored, even in the questions you have asked on the matter, leaves Catholic parents doubtful as to the seriousness of your efforts to deal with this problem. How can you adequately address the problem of minor abuse when you refuse to acknowledge the homosexual nature of most of the abuse?

Why do you Archbishop Martin not acknowledge the homosexual nature of the majority of abuse cases against priests and why is this not a topic for discussion at the forthcoming Vatican summit?

If you had one key message to communicate to the meeting in Rome on this issue, what would it be?

Stop covering up for and failing to acknowledge the presence of a significant and powerful homosexual element within the Catholic priesthood with priests such as Fr James Martin, Cardinal Schonborn, and others, publicly undermining Catholic teaching on the disordered nature of homosexual acts. That these men are not publicly corrected allows the homosexual culture to grow and flourish which represents a danger to our children. Our children will not be protected until the homosexual culture is removed from the priesthood.

May God bless you in the most Sacred Heart of Jesus



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