

His Grace,
The Most Reverend Archbishop Pietro Sambi
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Your Grace,

Enclosed you will find a DVD that was produced by the Saint Joseph's Men Society. (See Exhibit A) This DVD documents the level of depravity to which the Archdiocese of San Francisco has fallen, especially under the current occupant of the See, Archbishop George Niederauer. Archbishop Niederauer has scandalized millions of Catholics because of his apparent promotion of the homosexual agenda. This scandalous behavior reached the level of blasphemy and sacrilege when the Archbishop actually gave Holy Communion to two practicing homosexual men, dressed in women's clothing, with white clownish make-up covering their faces. Their very presence at the Mass was scandalous, but your Excellency, Archbishop George Niederauer, has stated repeatedly that he does not believe he should protect the Blessed Sacrament, "**... I am not there principally as a gatekeeper. I am there as a priest and celebrant to give forth the Eucharist.**" (Radio interview on KCBS San Francisco Feb. 4, 2007)

This attitude is contrary to his apostolic commission and violates Canon 915: "**Those who have been excommunicated or interdicted after the imposition or declaration of the penalty *and others obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin are not to be admitted to holy communion.***"

As stated above, this was only the most grievous offense in a long line of scandals since this man became a priest and subsequently a bishop:

- In 1986, Father George Niederauer wrote a letter to an Orange County judge asking that a priest convicted of 26 counts of felony child sexual abuse (Fr. Chris Andersen) be spared prison time - the priest received no jail time for the offences. (See Exhibit B)
- In 1996, as bishop of Salt Lake City, he helped form a coalition of religious leaders opposing the ban on high-school "gay-straight alliances" proposed by the Utah legislature. (See Exhibit C)
- In 2004, Archbishop Niederauer publicly opposed a Utah ballot initiative that constitutionally banned same-sex marriage because it included a ban on civil unions. This not only scandalized Roman Catholics but non-Catholics as well. (See Exhibit D)
- In 2005, The San Francisco Gate, (Gay Section of the San Francisco Chronicle) praises the appointment of Bishop Niederauer as Archbishop of San Francisco because of his gay-friendly attitude. (See Exhibit E)
- In 2006, after installation as Archbishop of San Francisco, George Niederauer publicly praises the film "Brokeback Mountain" a film about a homosexual affair between two sheep herders. According to the Archbishop, the message is really about "not being honest with oneself" and "...living a double life..." (See Exhibit F)
- November 2006, Archbishop Niederauer reinstates Father Stephen Meriwether to his post as Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church (One of the most gay-friendly parishes in the world). (See Exhibits G, H, & I)
- In 2007, Archbishop Niederauer skirts Vatican prohibitions again and mixes Catholic Charities Adoption Agency with an outside Adoption Agency as a primary referral agency for "Catholic" gay couples. (See Exhibit J)

Sadly, Your Excellency, this is only a partial list but I am sure you have already accumulated a much larger dossier than I can provide in this brief letter. We are asking for a thorough investigation and a removal of Archbishop Niederauer from his position as Archbishop of San Francisco. His continued ecclesial incompetence and demonstrable malfeasance is a source of scandal for millions of Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Please view the DVD in its entirety. It becomes evident that the city is sinking deeper and deeper into depravity because of the lack of solid Roman Catholic leadership and a true Catholic moral authority. Souls continue to be lost. Will Rome please step in and assist the Catholic Faithful of Northern California? We have been wandering in the desert of Modernism and the mire moral relativism for 30 years without any real Catholic shepherds to lead us.

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

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