

My Brothers:

It pains me to tell you this, but three priests of our diocese have filed a formal complaint with the Vatican against Bishop Peter claiming that he is mismanaging the diocese and demanding his removal. The biggest complaint is that Bishop does not involve the priests enough in the decision making. Two bishops were sent to investigate the matter and were supposed to interview the priests and others who have had dealings with Bishop and but unfortunately, the bishops left after only interviewing the complaining priests.

Our bishop is at serious risk of a grave injustice but there is something we can do. Please pray about this and if you are willing please write letters of support for Bishop Peter based on your experiences with him as deacons or on any other professional or personal connections you have with him.

I am attaching a template for a letter that you can then modify appropriately. Once you have completed and signed your letter, please scan it and email it to me as a pdf file (if possible) and I will combine them with others that are being written by laypersons and clergy in the diocese. Please feel free to pass this request on to others you know who might be inclined to write similar letters.

When Bishop Peter came to us, our diocese was at the brink of bankruptcy and now we are in the best financial condition in our history. When he came, we had 6 seminarians, now we have 20. When he came we had the stench of sexually abusive and sexually active priests and now that is gone. No other bishop has ever spent time with his deacons on retreat. Is that what we call mismanagement now days? My brothers, the evil one is afoot in our diocese.

Thank you for considering my request. God bless you.

Dn Jim