

From: Tom Wilde [deleted]
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2010 2:27 AM
To: Robinson, Walter
Subject: UCLA

Dear Walter,

I listened with interest to your part in an audio interview with Laurie Goodstein, which accompanied her article about a Catholic priest's abusing deaf boys on today's New York Times website (03/25/10).

I was particularly interested in your noting there that "when the Vatican has become involved, (...), molasses seems to get poured into the gears, and things take years [to get resolved]."

As university faculty have been described by some scholars as members of the "secular priesthood" and the university itself has long been using its power to attain a quasi-religious status, we should expect to find important parallels between abuses of power in the church and abuses of power in the university.

I would like to offer you the facts of my termination from a Ph.D. program at UCLA, found on this website: ucla-weeding101.info

How university faculty members deal with these important facts (and UCLA faculty members' statements) could well demonstrate that, like the church's many priests, they simply won't say anything about their colleagues' blatant and extreme violations of the university's own academic and ethical codes, as they well know that since "molasses seems to get poured into the gears" by the university, they are quite effectively shielded for the duration of their academic careers.

Of course I would be happy to answer questions you may have on any of the documents and/or material on the website.

Sincerely,
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From: "Robinson, Walter" <W.Robinson@neu.edu>
Date: March 26, 2010 7:44:57 AM PDT
To: Tom Wilde <deleted>
Subject: RE: UCLA

Tom: Thanks for your email. I wish I could help. But my students do articles for the Boston Globe that are focused on issues in the Boston area.

Sincerely,
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(The above March 26, 2010, email is the last one I received from Walter Robinson.)

From: Tom Wilde <deleted>
Date: March 26, 2010 9:12:54 AM PDT
To: "Robinson, Walter" <W.Robinson@neu.edu>
Subject: Re: UCLA

Dear Walter,

Thank you very much for your reply.

At the risk of appearing indecorous, I'll draw the appropriate analogy a bit sharper:

Suppose a child walks into a parish church and offers the priest there some incontrovertible facts showing this child's serious abuse at the hands of priests in another, but distant, parish. And suppose this priest then refuses these facts and turns the child away by saying, "I wish I could help you, but I am focused solely on my own parish, and furthermore, I do not want to bring up these facts with my own parishioners because I want them to focus only on issues in my parish."

Indeed, I think the fact that your message indicates you won't even mention this case to your journalism students is sharply instructive.

Sincerely,
Tom Wilde
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