

NDA's

Father Shelton

Forensic audit

Allowing Stika to say that he retired for medical reasons

Allowing his pay to be set for a retiring bishop in good standing

Porno priest

NDA: Victims of clergy sexual abuse and clergy sexual exploitation have been illegally silenced in Tennessee both before and after the Dallas Charter of 2002 and Vos Estis Lux Mundi. This has been universally true in all three dioceses in Tennessee. Article 3 of the Dallas Charter prohibits any victim from being silenced about their abuse. Vos Estis reinforces that no victim can be silenced or retaliated against. When Bishop Richard Stika was asked to resign by the Vatican, I requested that the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Knoxville release all victims from Non-disclosure Agreements, Non-disparaging Agreements or other silencing language. He responded by having diocesan lawyer Edward "Ward" Phillips send me a letter. The letter indicated that each victim should make an appointment to \_\_\_\_\_. I responded to this request in the

Although one of the reasons given by the Vatican to request that Bishop Richard Stika resign was financial mismanagement, Fabre did not order a forensic audit. The same officials who had sought to protect Stika from being removed as bishop remained in their positions of power in the chancery of the diocese. A simple audit was carried out per canon law in preparation for a new bishop, but no forensic audit was done despite calls from the priests of the diocese to do so. It is rumored that Fabre said he would leave that to the next bishop.

3. Bishop Richard Stika has been allowed to say that he retired as Bishop of Knoxville for medical reasons. This is not true. Bishop Richard Stika was asked to resign following two Vatican investigations. The first investigation was conducted by Archbishop of Louisville Joseph E. Kurtz under the auspices of Vos Estis Lux Mundi. Pope Francis then ordered an Apostolic Visitation of Stika. Both investigations led to the decision by the Vatican to ask Stika to resign for the mishandling of clergy sexual abuse allegations and for financial mismanagement.

The lie about "retiring for medical reasons" vs being forced to resign for malfeasance has huge ramifications.

- a. Catholics want to believe he retired for medical reasons but this belief camouflages the truth the many many priests and people alike were intimidated by and retaliated against by Bishop Richard Stika throughout his 14 years in East Tennessee. Results of investigations into this by the Vatican supported this but a large portion of the faithful want to believe Stika innocent. Without reinforcement of the truth, the narrative of Stika's innocence will
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