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Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM
The Archbishop of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta
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RE: What Can We Do Next?

Dear Archbishop Hartmayer,

After much prayer and reflection, I feel moved to speak out to explain my deep emotions of concern, utter disgust, absolute disagreement, and profound disappointment that I have about the recent high-profile statements by Cardinal Dolan and Bishop Barron. A combative activist/celebrity is being lauded as a martyr for Christians... despite his clear record of inflammatory, racist, sexist, xenophobic, and altogether un-Christian conduct. Soundbites and headlines from these Catholic leaders praise him as “a modern-day St. Paul” and “Christlike”!!

Many of my fellow Catholics and other friends are aghast! Non-Catholic friends were surprised when we told them these statements were NOT the official positions of the Catholic Church!

We all have mourned the countless victims of the growing political violence in recent years, from an insurrection and mass shootings to a hammer attack and assassinations, but no one has tried to lionize them...until now.

I know that for many self-centered reasons, Mr. Trump and his regressive MAGA minions have corrupted and shattered our American society! Why anyone, let alone prominent Catholics, would want to capitulate, and align themselves with such a degenerate administration and organization is beyond me. Nothing good will come from this.

I feel shame as a Catholic. These statements seem completely at odds with the Gospel of Jesus. I look to our Catholic leadership for compassion, love and unity; I do not find these in their statements. I do not understand and cannot accept such statements and conduct by Church leaders that clearly leave Jesus and our Catholic teachings behind. To me, these actions feel insulting to Jesus Christ himself, and not at all consistent with the pastoral responsibility of our Catholic leaders. The Sisters of Charity statement was the only prominent Catholic pushback I found to be widely publicized.

I am now reaching out to you with great appreciation for our Archdiocese's many programs such as the “One Church, One Family.” Please help me understand what else we can do next to promote constructive dialogue to unify our Church.

Sincerely, in prayer for compassion, love, unity, and progress,

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cc: Father Juan Anzora, St. Andrew Catholic Church