

Dear Bob,

I filed a canonical complaint against Cardinal Dolan for suppressing my slideshow/lecture about the Shroud of Turin ("Complaint Against Cardinal Dolan" is the website). The Pope has apparently dismissed my complaint because the Roman Rota has not sent me a list of canon lawyers to represent me. My response has been to appeal to the College of Cardinals and to translate the slideshow into 6 other languages. Last month there were 4891 hits to these websites and 724 hits to my canonical complaint. I am following my conscience, but I feel bad about making the Catholic Church look bad. I consider the reject of my slideshow cynical as well as being theologically unsound.

A short while ago, I discovered another scandal related to the Shroud because it involves science and the same confusion about science, metaphysics, and history. I am referring to the promotion of the "first cause" argument of Thomas Aquinas for the existence of God. I can understand a physicist like Stephen Barr not understanding metaphysics, but for Robert Spitzer, SJ, to not understand metaphysics is shocking. I have asked the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis to intervene, but they are just ignoring my request.

I can file another complaint with the Pope because three cardinals are advisors to the Magis Center. I think a better idea is to gather together all of my writings into one indictment against a bishop and file it with an archbishop. Do you have any suggestions? What follows is the letter I just sent to one of the Committee members.

Dear Bishop Serratelli,

Since I live nearby (my parish is the Church of Notre Dame in Manhattan) and you are on the Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB, I am requesting an appointment to explain to you why the Catholic Church should withdraw its support of the Magis Center. The Magis Center says that the Shroud of Turin is authentic and that God caused the Big Bang. There is very little evidence that the Holy Shroud is authentic and no evidence at all that God caused the Big Bang. The Magis Center is also playing a negative roll in the culture war in the United States about the teaching of evolutionary biology.

Quentin Lauer, S.J., was my philosophy teacher at Fordham College. One day a student asked a question about faith in Jesus and he shouted at the top of his lungs, "I don't maintain it. I assert it with every fiber of my being." This profession of faith was a reason for all of us in the class to believe in Jesus because Fr. Lauer was a paragon of reason. He did not think God caused the Big Bang and did not misrepresent our salvation history.

My writings about science and religion are at the website, "New Evangelization." Most relevant are my reviews of the science books by Stephen Barr and Robert Spitzer, and the essays titled, "Reasons to Believe in Jesus," and "Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy, Theology and History, of the Holy Shroud." I am also trying to get the American Journal of Physics to retract an absurd article about

evolution and thermodynamics ("Pseudoscience and the American Journal of Physics" is the website)" Very truly yours,

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