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Columbia Students

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Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 5:42 PM

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Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 6:08 PM

To: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

Good evening:

With all due respect, I would prefer that you NOT contact my student leaders. Some of them are 18 and 19 years old, and without an FBI background check from our diocesan offices, I can't possibly approve of anyone inviting them to a private/informal meeting. But if you just want to send me materials that I can share, I would be happy to do so.

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Science and Religion

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David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>
To: bdm2133@columbia.edu, kma2147@columbia.edu

Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 8:00 AM

Dear Brendan and Kenna,

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To: "Fr. Daniel O'Reilly" <daniel.o'reilly@archny.org>

Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 6:44 PM

Dear Fr. O'Reilly,

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Fr. Daniel O'Reilly <Daniel.O'Reilly@archny.org>
To: David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 7:57 PM

Mr. Roemer:

You should not have bothered to ask for my permission to contact my students if you planned to contact them anyway. If you contact them again, you will hear from our Safe Environment lawyers who deal with the endangerment and entrapment of minors.

Fr. Dan

From: David Roemer [david@dkroemer.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 6:44 PM
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To: "Fr. Daniel O'Reilly" <Daniel.O'Reilly@archny.org>
Cc: vicarforclergy@archny.org

Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 9:34 PM

Dear Fr. O'Reilly,

I assure you I am just as concerned about the faith of Catholic college students as you are. This is why I sent an email to you on March 8 and to Vincent DaSilva about NYU and Columbia students on March 10. I did not contact Brendan Moore and Kenna Arana until March 16.

Upon information and belief, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith wants me to instruct the Catholic Church in the United States about the arguments for God's existence. To this end, I've created a website titled, "Rational Arguments for God's Existence: Evangelizing Is Good and Proselytizing is Bad" (<http://www.newevangelist.me>). On this website, you can see the efforts I have made to explain to Catholic theologians, prelates, and laymen why the Magis Center for Science should be shut down.

Until you explain why not, I think I have every right to send the information I sent to Brendan and Kenna to every Catholic college student in the United States. As I understand the parish principle, I have no duty to you, but my pastor has a duty to correct me if I am doing something immoral. My parish is St. Rose of Lima in Brooklyn.

Very truly yours,

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David Roemer <david@dkroemer.com>

Sat, Aug 20, 2016 at 6:42 AM

To: Kenna Arana <kma2147@columbia.edu>

Dear Kenna,
Brendan Moore has not responded to this email, which I sent on Aug. 13.

Dear Brendan,
On March 16, 2016, I sent you an email offering to give Columbia students a lesson/lecture on the arguments for God's existence. You did not respond to the email, and I am concerned that you were scandalized by its contents and by Fr. O'Reilly's rejection of my offer. I expressed my concerns to Cardinal Dolan (<http://www.newevangelist.me/styled/>) on March 31, but have not gotten yet from the Archdiocese of New York any assurance that you have not lost your faith. Please give me a call at [347-414-2285](tel:347-414-2285) or send me an email.

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I am making the same request to you. If I don't hear from you by telephone or email in a few days, I will feel obliged to tell your and Brendan's parents about what transpired between me us. I suppose I can find out how to contact your parents from Columbia U.

Very truly yours,
David Roemer
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