

Letter: The archdiocese's behavior is not very Christian

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To the editor:

The archdiocese's abuse of the children and parents at Presentation School is shamefully unChristian. The Founder of our faith says, "Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave."

Instead of acting as servants, bishops O'Malley and Lennon traumatize families. They arbitrarily shut down vibrant parishes and schools without consulting parishioners and parents. Yes, some smaller parishes need to be closed. But the bishops treat good Catholic people callously - disdaining any real laity involvement in church decisions. Jesus says, "This shall not be so among you."

The Catholic Church may not be a democracy, but it was never intended to be a theocracy of ayatollah-like autocrats. Rather, the Church was founded as the "ecclesia," literally the "assembly" of the faithful, the living Body of Christ.

The core of the problem is Rome's insidious arrogance. Sean O'Malley, Richard Lennon, the disaster at Presentation and the recent scandals are all symptoms of the Roman hierarchs' presumptions of their own infallibility and divine right. (When Pope Pius IX had himself declared infallible in 1870, Lord Athol noted, "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.")






The Roman bishops long ago lost moral authority among most Catholics in the pews.

Increasingly, we are separating our faith in the Good Shepherd from the erroneous dictates of these bad shepherds. They have become the Pharisees against whom Christ warns, "By their fruits you will know them."

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