

CANICE RICE FACT SHEET

- Hired by Joseph Jarmoluk, pastor of St. Peter in Geneva Illinois even though Jarmoluk had not been charged with a crime or named in a lawsuit.
- **Resides in St. Louis, nearly 300 miles from Geneva.**
- Claims he is being paid from Jarmoluk's personal funds however his client lives on a clergyman's salary and is not independently wealthy.
- **Wrote a 12-page report Jarmoluk referred to as a "Due Diligence Report" about Jarmoluk's role in the Campobello abuse case.**
- On Jarmoluk's behalf, presented the report to Jarmoluk's pastoral council in 2004 only to have the entire council - minus Ray Benedetto - reject it and refuse to support it.
- **After the council's rebuke, addressed the report in letter form to Benedetto. Jarmoluk promoted it from the altar during weekend Masses and had parishioners Mike and Ellen Sullivan distribute it from the rectory.**
- Admits in the letter, "I note that the vast majority of the information which I have been produced from various sources and in various forms is little more than rank hearsay".
- **Neglected to interview any of the key witnesses in the abuse case other than Jarmoluk yet claimed he performed "due diligence" for the report.**
- On Jarmoluk's behalf, submitted a full-page letter to the editor of a local newspaper defending his report which was repudiated with a full-page letter written by a highly respected local attorney.
- **On Jarmoluk's behalf, unsuccessfully filed a formal complaint with the employer of a St. Peter parishioner who spoke out against Bishop Doran's refusal to fully cooperate with the criminal investigation of Campobello.**
- On Jarmoluk's behalf, unsuccessfully filed similar complaints against local law-enforcement agencies, civil offices, and media outlets.
- **On Jarmoluk's behalf, unsuccessfully demanded recantations from parishioners who made public statements, threatened to sue them, and warned them to keep quiet or risk further "financial peril".**
- Unsuccessfully filed a motion against the attorney for two abuse victims for naming Jarmoluk in court when, according to the judge, Rice himself had previously referred to Jarmoluk in court by name. Motion was denied.
- **In response to precepts placed upon him by Bishop Doran, Jarmoluk claimed in a letter sent to some (but not all) parishioners that he had "discharged" Rice and other attorneys representing him.**
- Shortly thereafter, Rice was back in court representing Jarmoluk and unsuccessfully filed a motion to keep Jarmoluk from having to submit to a sworn deposition in the civil lawsuit in the Campobello case.
- **Unsuccessfully filed a motion to keep Jarmoluk's deposition from being videotaped and later to keep the videotape and transcript sealed.**
- Chastised by Circuit Court Judge Keith Brown claiming he was on a "fishing expedition" and telling Rice, "What you're doing here is you have a petition based on speculation and innuendo. It's not based on fact". Brown gave Rice a contempt-of-court warning and told him "This hearing's done. Don't say another word".
- **In another case, sought to have Bishop Wilton Gregory held in contempt of court. Judgment was made against his priest/client for over \$600,000 to be paid to his victim. Fundraisers were held for "mounting legal fees".**

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