

Thy Kingdom Come!

LEGIONARIES OF CHRIST

TERRITORIAL DIRECTORATE

February 10, 2020

Pinecrest Academy Board, Staff, & Families
Cumming, GA

Dear Pinecrest Academy Board, Staff, & Families,

I am writing to you about an article that was published in the media on January 13, 2020 which mentions Father William Brock, LC.

We are looking into the situation regarding an anonymous former seminarian who made a claim, which was printed in an online media publication in Mexico and Spain, that while attending a Legion seminary in Spain in the 90's he had revealed to Father Brock he had been abused by Father Antonio Rodriguez, LC, while in Mexico approximately six years prior at the age of 12 years old. The article states that after reporting it to Father Brock that he [the anonymous former seminarian] was sent home. The publication also states that he [the anonymous former seminarian] reported the abuse to the authorities of the Mexican Church last December.

At this time, we have not received an allegation from the nunciature or any diocese in Mexico related to Father Brock.

We have interviewed Father William Brock, LC. He stated, "I have no memory of any seminarian confiding to me personally about any sexual abuse suffered by them (which was not already of public domain at the time)."

I have been in contact with the Safe Environment Office in Mexico and the International Safe Environment Office in Rome and neither office has received any allegations against Father Brock.

I have also personally reached out to the media outlet who published the story mentioning Father Brock in an attempt to try and connect with the person who made the claim in the article [the anonymous former seminarian].

As of now, we have been unable to identify the person to investigate further. We expect this may take some time.

Father Brock has expressed that he wants what is best for the school and the students. In order to avoid any further confusion and provide the parents at the school peace of mind, Father Brock has decided to take a leave of absence until this unfortunate situation can be resolved.

I want to take a moment to once more pledge our commitment to upholding the strictest standards for safe environments for the children at Pinecrest Academy. The Legionaries of Christ are committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all children who interact with its members and are involved in its ministries. We have put in place clear policies and procedures, including standards of conduct, for all members, as well as procedures for investigating and reporting any allegations of abuse or misconduct, to the appropriate civil authorities. The Legionaries of Christ also have what we call a [Rapid Response Plan](#) that outlines how we respond when abuse allegations arise and a [code of conduct](#) that addresses how our priests should behave. I encourage each of you to familiarize yourself with these policies.

Let's continue to pray for all those who have been victims of priestly sexual abuse, for their healing, and for the ongoing purification of the Church.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr Frank Formolo, LC". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Father Frank Formolo, LC
Safe Environment Coordinator
Legionaries of Christ