

Father Cassian was training under the director, James Hartz and the assistant director, Helen Peterman. You obviously were not on the staff and did not enjoy any other type of relationship with Father Cassian, his family, peers or friends. Further, you have had no contact with Father Cassian since he became a neuropsychologist or an Orthodox priest.

Second, you have falsely supplied or relayed "information" to the web site www.straightincoworated.com. The "factual" summary on this site is riddled with erroneous facts, gossip, immature language and threats and is spurious not only in content, but also tone.

You have also supplied false information to a website (<http://www.Qokov.org>) organized against allegedly sexually abusive priests. Father Cassian has never been accused of any type of sexual abuse whatsoever. All other complaints made during Father Cassian's tenure as director of the Straight programs were investigated and found to be baseless by the appropriate authorities in each jurisdiction. In other words, trained independent professionals found absolutely !IQ ~.

Third, your letter to the Archdiocese refers to Father Cassian as an "abusive priest", yet none of your false allegations pertain to his work as a priest. You further state that he became a priest in order to continue counseling children, when in fact none of his work as a priest involves counseling children. You "fortified" your assault against Father Cassian's profession by making false allegations to the Assistant Provost of the Seminole campus of the St. Petersburg College during his tenure as a part-time adjunct professor at the campus. Specifically, you alleged that Father Cassian engaged in confrontational and derisive behavior in a class he taught and that you and "Kim" attended. In fact, neither you or "Kim" were enrolled or attended his class and Father Cassian never acted in the manner you allege. Again, your statements and innuendo are outrageous and arise from your malicious mind set and not from any facts.

Please be aware that your defamatory statements constitute "defamation per se" and are actionable without proof of damage under the laws of this state. Specifically, a publication is defamatory per se if, when considered alone without innuendo, it tends to subject a person to hatred, distrust, ridicule, contempt, or disgrace; to injure a person in his or her trade or profession or to impute to a person conduct, characteristics, or a condition incompatible with the proper exercise of the lawful business, trade, profession or office.

You have clearly achieved great success in satisfying the legal elements of defamation per se and putting yourself in the unenviable position of being sued. As a result of your reprehensible behavior, I strongly suggested to Father Cassian that he commence filing a lawsuit against you. This forum will undoubtedly afford you the opportunity to demonstrate the accuracy of your statements, allegations and innuendo. I am quite confident that the end result of this legal process will cause you to seriously reconsider making reckless and defamatory statements in the future. I believe that this forum will also cause you to "better appreciate" the ramifications of your conduct. However, Father Cassian is more forgiving and patient person and is hopeful that this letter will cause you to permanently cease your current behavior. In other words, this is a last chance for you to avoid being brought to into a court of law to answer for your