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Hate-Trump Heretic Appointed Archbishop of Washington, D.C.; Covered for Priest Rapist

In a story that didn't get the attention it deserved, likely because of the Los Angeles fires and the exploding Muslim rape-gang scandal in England, Pope Francis appointed a hate-Trump, pro-homosexual prelate as the new archbishop of Washington, D.C.

And Francis swung hard at President-elect Trump by appointing Bishop Robert McElroy, of the diocese of San Diego, California, to run the capital diocese.

But the swipe at Trump is nothing compared to what the appointment says to Rachel Mastrogiacomo and other sexual-abuse victims. By appointing McElroy, she said, Pope Francis "spat in my face." McElroy covered up for a priest who raped her in satanic rituals.



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Robert McElroy

Indeed, the pontiff knew about McElroy's cover-up before appointing him.

Rachel Mastrogiacomo said Pope Francis 'spat right in my face' by promoting Cdl Robert McElroy to the Archdiocese of Washington three months after she sent him a letter detailing McElroy's protection of an ex-priest who subjected her to abuse.

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— LifeSite Catholic (@LSNCatholic) [January 11, 2025](#)

Heretic

McElroy's opponents, notably other bishops and priests, believe he is a heretic. A year after Pope Francis gave McElroy his red hat, Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois, wrote a column for *First Things*: "Imagining a Heretic Cardinal."

Paprocki didn't mention McElroy by name, [Jules Gomes wrote](#) for Stream.org, but did write the following:

What if a cardinal of the Catholic Church were to state publicly that homosexual acts are not sinful and same-sex unions should be blessed by the Church? Until recently, it would be hard to imagine any successor of the apostles making such heterodox statements. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon today to hear Catholic leaders affirm unorthodox views that, not too long ago, would have been espoused only by heretics.



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But Paprocki also included a quote from [McElroy's offering](#) in *America*, the magazine of the far-left Jesuit order. McElroy called for “radical inclusion” of homosexuals, women, “and others” in the Church. In other words, Paprocki indirectly fingered McElroy as a heretic.

[McElroy favors](#) permitting homosexuals and divorced and remarried Catholics without the benefit of a declaration of nullity to receive Holy Communion despite their grave and manifest sin. Catholics believe that [Jesus Christ is present](#) in the Eucharist — body, blood, soul, and divinity — and that receiving the sacrament of the altar without being in a state of grace is a [mortal sin](#). McElroy [made clear](#) in a follow-up to answer to his critics that he doesn't believe sodomy is a grave sin.

Whether McElroy is a homosexual isn't known. Along with many other bishops, though, his predecessor, Archbishop Wilton Gregory, [was outed](#) as a homosexual 18 years ago, when he was bishop of Atlanta.

On X, the former bishop of Tyler, Texas, Joseph Strickland, whom [Pope Francis sacked](#) because the orthodox bishop criticized the pontiff, roasted the appointment.

“In November I asked the bishops of the United States, ‘What will it take?’” he wrote:

It's not surprising that I received no response from the bishops. The appointment of the corrupt Cardinal McElroy to the Archdiocese of Washington DC raises the question again.

The blatant corruption of Pope Francis and the US Cardinals is on full display with the appointment of a McCarrick clone to the same archdiocese where his evil reigned twenty years ago. All of us who love Jesus Christ and His Church must speak out against these wolves of the hierarchy. We cannot remain silent in the face of this blatant corruption.

Once again I call on my brother bishops to speak up and say NO to this constant undermining of the Truth that is Jesus Christ. We all need the voice of St John the Baptist as we call out the brood of vipers in the Vatican, “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” We must not remain silent as another flock in the Church is burdened with a corrupt hireling for a shepherd.

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— Bishop J. Strickland (@BishStrickland) [January 6, 2025](#)

Of McCarrick's wolves McElroy is Grima Wormtongue. He gives a good spiel, but it's not the truth.

— Rev. Paul John Kalchik (@KalchikRev) [January 7, 2025](#)

Father Paul Kalchik called McElroy one of “McCarrick's wolves” and a “[Grima Wormtongue](#).” [McCarrick](#) is former [Cardinal Theodore McCarrick](#), a [boy rapist](#) and [abuser of seminarians](#).



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Open Borders

And, not surprisingly, McElroy is an open-borders lobbyist.

“During Trump’s first term, McElroy urged Catholics to become ‘disruptors’ of Trump’s anti-immigrant agenda,” [Gomes recalled](#):

“We must disrupt those who would seek to send troops into our streets to deport the undocumented, to rip mothers and fathers from their families,” he said. “We must disrupt those who portray refugees as enemies rather than our brothers and sisters in terrible need.”

After Trump’s election victory in 2016, McElroy lamented “a profound sickness in the soul in American political life” and that it would be “unthinkable” for Catholics to “stand by while more than ten percent of our flock is ripped from our midst and deported.”

Protected Satanic Priest

Nor is it surprising that McElroy protected priests involved in satanic ritual abuse.

In September, two victims of such abuse wrote to Pope Francis. One of them was Mastrogiacomo, who reported that McElroy covered up for her abuser.

“I was ritually raped by Father Jacob Bertrand within the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,” [she wrote](#):

At the time of the satanic ritual abuse, I was a vulnerable and pious virgin in my early twenties who would eventually discern religious life with several communities. Some of the graphic details of my case have been reported in numerous publications because Bertrand’s grave acts of Eucharistic sacrilege involved felony rape.

When I reported Bertrand’s satanic rituals to the San Diego Diocese, I was relieved that he was immediately removed from ministry. However, when I later learned that Bertrand was returned to ministry and that his dark deeds were being covered up by Bishop Robert McElroy, I filed a criminal complaint against him. Despite the fact that McElroy’s lawyers refused to cooperate with prosecutors, Bertrand pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years probation. Had I not appealed to the criminal court and exposed Bertrand’s [sic] felonious behavior and McElroy’s cover-up, Bertrand might still be in ministry today and preying on other vulnerable virgins who are suitable candidates for occult blood rituals and satanic Black Masses.

On Facebook, Mastrogiacomo attacked the pontiff for ignoring her letter and appointing McElroy to run the Washington, D.C. diocese.

“Every time this man gets promoted to the highest echelons of the Church, victims are raped again and a little stay at home mother who chose to take a brave stand for them experiences the throes of public shame and a private agony that knows no bounds,” [Mastrogiacomo wrote](#) on January 6 on Facebook. “That woman happens to be me.”

[She continued](#) criticizing Pope Francis on January 9.



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In my letter to Pope Francis, I asked, “How can you and other bishops turn a blind eye to these betrayals? ... When you refuse to investigate and discipline priests who ritually abuse little girls ... or virgins like me, you send a message that we are not worth protecting. Worst of all, you send a message that Our Eucharistic Lord is not worth protecting.” Three months later, he betrayed me and promoted Cardinal McElroy to the Archdiocese of Washington. I am hesitant to say this — but it felt like he spat in my face, and even worse, in the Holy Face of Our Eucharistic Lord.

Also writing to the pope in September was Lisa Roers. “Father Dennis Hanneman sexually abused me for two years beginning in the fall of 1972 when I was in the fifth grade,” [she wrote](#).

The details are best left unrepeated.



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