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The allegations in this lawsuit are false and highly defamatory. The plaintiff's attorney is merely recycling claims that were thoroughly discredited over six years ago after being originally loathed. The plaintiff's accusations at that time were independently investigated by multiple government agencies, professionals, and organizations, including the Chisago County Sheriff, the Chisago County Attorney, the Archdiocese, and two independent forensic psychologists. These comprehensive efforts concluded that the allegations were unsubstantiated. Additionally, Father Keating passed a polygraph administered by Minnesota's most experienced and highly regarded law enforcement polygrapher.

Father Keating has been deeply pained by these untrue accusations.

The unfortunate grandstanding and publicity generated by the recent announcement of this lawsuit add nothing to the credibility of the claims. Such self-serving tactics do not promote genuine justice, and are needlessly hurtful to an esteemed member of the Catholic community and to the Church as a whole. It is hoped that the remainder of the legal process in this case will proceed in the orderly and civil manner observed by the Minnesota courts.