

Thank you friends for having informed me that the unaccredited layman who refers to himself as Emmet O'Regan – who opposes the “era of peace” Our Lady spoke of at Fatima, who opposes the gift of “Living in the Divine Will” in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta and who opposes Magisterial teaching – has written a libelous statement in my regard.

May I first state that the "headline" of the blog of this self-proclaimed layman who goes by the name of Emmet O'Regan – whom I have never met nor spoke to – is nonsense. I was told by a professor of the Pontifical University of Rome where my doctoral thesis on the doctrines of the Servant of the Servant of God was officially approved with high honours, that this Emmet had contacted him in an attempt to find an excuse or a loophole to criticize this thesis. It appears Emmet rejects the entire corpus of Luisa Piccarreta's writings and the gift of Living in the Divine Will. Hence his attacks on my approved thesis which, as noted below, enjoys also the endorsements in writing of scores of Catholic Archbishops and bishops as *“a scholarly work [that] provides an essential service to the Church and to the New Evangelization.”*

I was told that in his misguided attacks, this Emmet ignored the injunction from the Roman professor to desist in his attacks on the thesis and Luisa, and he instead chose to contact the Archdiocese of Trani, who told him in no uncertain words, that his questions about me are "not of their jurisdiction" (see canon law, 903), for a religious priest who is not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Trani (such as me) is not under the jurisdiction of Trani, but under the jurisdiction and therefore answerable to his own religious superior or bishop. Indeed, I have obtained every year in writing a letter of suitability from my superior.

As I have always said to those who have inquired from me, the Archdiocese of Trani is a diocese entrusted with the cause of beatification of Luisa and is presently engaged in the preparation of the critical edition of Luisa's writings. This is exactly what Archbishop Pichierri states in his response to the individual who calls himself Emmet.

Unlike a diocese, the Pontifical University of Rome that approved my doctoral dissertation is an accredited institute “authorize by the Holy See” (the Vatican) comprised of a faculty of expert professors who review and approve doctoral theses. Therefore, it is not the diocese but the Pontifical University of Rome that is vested with the authority to approve doctoral theses, such as the one I published after it was approved with high honours for publication and that is also endorsed in writing by scores of Catholic bishops the world over. I wish to note that I esteem both the work of the Archdiocese and also the work of the Pontifical University of Rome in their respective areas of competency.

What Emmet "libelously" posts on his self-constructed website, which today you shared with me, is that I violated the moratorium. His headliner of 4/4/17 is as follows: *“Archbishop of Trani Confirms Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi has Breached the Moratorium on Luisa Piccarreta”*, whereas **nowhere does Archbishop Pichierri or any Church authority make such a statement!** This statement in civil terms constitutes libel and it comes from the mouth of this Emmet. I can assure you that this loose cannon will be held accountable for his libelous transgressions at the hands of a Catholic canon lawyer and a civil attorney. It appears Emmet's falsities are going to catch up with him very, very soon.

I here recall a similar false statement that was issued by a loose cannon and that the Vatican had to intervene and formally dismiss made by Professor Ingo Dollinger who claimed on the internet that Pope Benedict XVI told him there was more to Fatima's third secret. In response the Holy See released a statement in which Pope Benedict XVI refuted such a false statement. Here is a link to the Vatican's response:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2016/05/21/0366/00855.htm#E>

May those who have read Emmit's false statement know the following facts which I now share with you and that are legally documented and signed – which facts Emmit deliberately fails to mention:

**1) I have obtained in writing every year from my superior a letter of suitability.**

According to canon law a priest who does not belong to the Archdiocese of Trani cannot receive a letter of suitability (endorsement) from said archdiocese. Such a letter can only be granted from his own superior or bishop.

Canon law, 903 states: *“A priest is to be permitted to celebrate even if the rector of the church does not know him, provided that either he presents a letter of introduction from HIS ordinary or superior, issued at least within the year...”*

For this reason, in his ignorance Emmit failed to write my superior who is the proper ecclesiastical authority and who alone can grant me a letter of endorsement for my work (which I have obtained very year), but he chose to write the Archdiocese of Trani to which I do not belong and which cannot canonically grant such a letter.

**2) On June 15, 2005, Archbishop Pichierri made the following statement:**

*“Most Dear Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi,*

*I received the photocopies of the documents you had sent me, in which you request that I correct the expressions contained in the letters of the vicar general of August 4, 2003 and October 4, 2003, where he had written:*

- “Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi never had any position within the Archdiocese of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie... neither has he ever been a censor of preacher”;*
- “...has not had any assignment from anyone. He is working on his own account...”.*

*I rescind the above expressions, as I had done so earlier in a letter I addressed to you on November 5, 2003, when I made clarifications to said expressions, and that I have here included for you.*

*Nevertheless, I repeat what I had stated earlier: **The expressions cited above were intended to express your juridical affiliation with this archdiocese only, and not the rapport that you enjoy with your own diocese and with other dioceses.***

***To anyone who should attempt to denigrate you Fr. Joseph, you have this letter to show them as well as other documents by those in authority over you that testify to their support on your behalf.***

*Given the above, I encourage you to remain strong in trial under the action of the Holy Spirit, and I assure you of my esteem and of my prayers.*

*Cordially I embrace you, and I bless you: +*

***+ Archbishop Giovanni Battista Pichierri”***

*(see attached letter).*

- 3) **On January 29, 2002 the Archdiocese of Trani, Italy, entrusted with the writings the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, issued to me, yes, to me Fr. Joseph, a letter of endorsement for my doctoral dissertation on the doctrines** contained in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.
- 4) **On November 22, 2012, yours truly** publically presented before the theological faculty and student body of the Gregorian Pontifical University the doctoral dissertation entitled, *“The Operations of the Divine and Human Will in the Writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta – An Inquiry into the Early Ecumenical Councils, and into Patristic, Scholastic and Contemporary Theology”*. The dissertation is approved with high honours by said university which is authorized by the Holy See.
- 5) **In 2013** the doctoral dissertation is published and distributed to Vatican Congregations for the Doctrine of Faith and for the Causes of Saints, and to the 494 USA Catholic Bishops.
- 6) **June 2013 – July 2013, more than 45 Bishops express in writing their esteem for Fr. Joseph's doctoral dissertation, affirming, “Such scholarly work provides an essential service to the Church and to the New Evangelization”; “This will be of great service to the Church on behalf of this Servant of God who has had such incredibly mystical experiences. Thank you very much for taking care of the publicity and publication of this wonderful work”; “I was struck with the splendid work of research and competence in writing which Fr. Iannuzzi brought to the completion of the book... It is deep and rich writing from a theological perspective...”**

There are many more endorsements I can share, but I am writing in haste as I am in transit after having returned from visiting my dad who is a widower and in poor health.

May God bless you for your concern and for having brought this matter immediately to my attention.

In Christ,  
+ Rev. Joseph Iannuzzi, STD