

# Our Voice in the Diocese Sacramento

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Bishop Soto  
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2110 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95818

Dear Bishop Soto,

The attached pages include a list of comments and nearly a thousand signers of a petition and letter posted online at: <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/return-father-leatherby-to-active-ministry>.

The comment from Ryan George Seeley also expresses the desire of the faithful. It reads:

*As a father of five, I expect my children to generally trust my judgment on family matters without question. Similarly, I'd expect roughly the same from Church faithful regarding episcopal authority over Clerics. But there are exceptions to both, which is why I sign this petition.*

*If I were to punish one of my children without adequate explanation, or under false pretenses – I would hope that their siblings would petition me until I changed my mind. If my actions, purportedly in defense of my family, were disproportionate from what they expected, and in fact caused more damage and scandal than good, I hope my children would have the courage to persist and I, the wisdom to listen.*

*Thus, respectfully, we petition you Bishop Soto to return Father Leatherby to active ministry, because:*

- 1. Our pastor has been indefinitely removed from us, without adequate explanation. And although a "credible allegation" may justify a short-term suspension pending an investigation, it is incredible to suggest that a mere allegation, no matter how credible, can justify an over two-and-a-half-year suspension. Continued reliance on this one "credible allegation" as the basis for a multi-year suspension, does itself impair your respective credibility with the lay faithful.*

- 2. The initial misrepresentation, in writing, made on behalf of the diocese, that Father was absent due to illness, continues to cause the faithful to question diocesan credibility in this matter. As a father, the proper thing to do now (as I do when I make similar mistakes of haste with my children) is to own up to the false statement, and ask for forgiveness.*

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*3. The diocesan response has been disproportionate, even assuming the allegation is later shown to be true. No criminal or civil proceedings were instituted or referred to civil authorities. This is hopeful, because if matter were criminal-but had not yet been referred to the authorities, then it would mean that the diocese would be derelict in its duties to protect the innocent, as well as a victim. This leaves the conclusion that the diocese has suspended for over two years, a priest who has been “credibly alleged” to have engaged in a consensual but non-licit relationship/encounter with another consenting adult. Are we really meant to believe that this de-facto multi-year sentence is a just and proportional response where there is no alleged uncivil or criminal behavior?*

*4. Father’s unexplained suspension is not helping your lay faithful or clerics. It is causing unnecessary scandal and causing many long-time faithful to harden their hearts to your episcopate- though thankfully not to the Church as a whole. As a father myself, I have a right and duty to mete out correction and protect my family as I see best. When I do so capriciously, without explanation, I hurt my children more than helping them. That is what you are doing to us your flock.*

*In closing and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I pray that you Bishop Soto will either substantiate your decision to your flock immediately with credible evidence, not mere credible allegations, or immediately return Father Leatherby to active ministry.*

Bishop Soto, on behalf of Ryan, his fellow parishioners at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the rest of the signers of this letter and petition, I request that you either release any evidence against Father Jeremy Leatherby or return him to active ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,



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cc: Fr. Mark Richards  
Archbishop Christophe Pierre - Apostolic Nuncio  
Raymond Arroyo - EWTN  
Bob Shallit - The Sacramento Bee  
Michael Voris - Church Militant

## Petition Return Father Leatherby to active ministry



Bishop Soto, Diocese of Sacramento, we add our signatures to the attached letter from Sally Leatherby requesting that you return Father Jeremy Leatherby to active ministry.

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To: Rev. Mark Richards, Vicar General

From: Sally Leatherby, Fr. Jeremy's Grandmother

Subject: Response to your letter dated August 31, 2018

I don't have much knowledge on the details of what has occurred in Fr. Jeremy's case, but I do have many concerns about the information in your letter that raises more questions than answers.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Two and one half years for a hearing? (Missed family weddings, baptisms, first communions, confirmations)
2. "Formal canonical process"? Have other allegations been processed this way?
3. Who selects this "panel of canonical experts"? My trust is very low at this time!!
4. "Privacy", "presumed innocence", "integrity"? Priests and employees of the Sacramento Diocese told numerous priests and laity that Fr. Jeremy is guilty and they have seen evidence? Slanderous?

5. Why this letter now? Is this in response to people's frustration and anger?

6. Diocesan letters to the public indicated that Fr. Jeremy was sick and taking a leave of absence? And that he resigned voluntarily?

Fr. Jeremy has remained faithful to his vows of obedience to his bishop and has asked repeatedly for everyone else to remain silent. I find it hard to see and hear this spin and not to respond.

Fr. Jeremy wants nothing more than to be a priest.

s/

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--- background: This letter is in response to a letter from the Vicar to all priest in the Sacramento diocese dated 8/31/2018 ---

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Date: 31 August 2018

To: All Priests

From: Re.:Mark R. Richards, Vicar General, Subject: Rev. Jeremy P. Leatherby

Over the past several weeks, a number of you have expressed concern and interest in the case of Fr. Jeremy Leatherby. Given the speculation which has been put forth in recent weeks and the length of time it has taken to resolve this case, we have opted to make the following statement to those who inquire. We wanted you to have the same information.

"Fr. Leatherby was placed on leave in March 2016 due to a credible allegation of ministerial boundary violations with an adult woman. A subsequent preliminary investigation determined that a formal canonical process would be needed to investigate the circumstances around this allegation.

Fr. Leatherby has been represented by canonical counsel (a canon lawyer) of his own choosing from the beginning of this process. In compliance with diocesan policy, the diocese is paying for that counsel. The diocese has been in regular communication with his counsel. Neither the bishop nor his staff has ever refused to communicate with Fr. Leatherby or his counsel.

To the frustration of us all, it took longer than we would have liked to assemble a panel of canonical experts independent of the diocese to address this case. But that independent panel has been in place since January and the process is proceeding. In the interest of protecting the privacy of accusers, the presumed innocence of those accused, and the integrity of the process, we do not comment on the specifics of a particular case while the process is on-going. In all such cases, both the alleged victims and those accused are given the opportunity to be heard and to respond. As with all those who are accused, Fr. Leatherby's right of defense is being protected.

We ask that members of the faithful keep all those involved in prayer, imploring the Holy Spirit to guide those responsible to finding the truth."

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--- for additional background: search google for "bishop soto father leatherby" ---

#	Name	Comments
1	Gerald Klaas	Bishop Soto, it has been almost 3 years since you removed Fr. Leatherby from ministry without adequate explanation to the faithful of Presentation Parish. It is time to either release the evidence against him or return him to ministry. God is giving you an opportunity to do what is right, I pray that you do so.
2	Matthew Bedford	
3	Eva Tanner-Klaas	Dear Bishop Soto, Please return this priest. Amen
4	Valerie Willover	
5	Laura Leatherby	
6	Sarah Leatherby	
7	Frank Dias	The church needs priests like him
8	Christina Marotti	
9	Laura smith	He is the best priest and friend we have ever had as a family. He has converted so many people. He was unjustly removed from helping so many people get to heaven! Bring him back! We absolutely love him and all he has done for others.
10	Paul Willover	Remember, O Most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the World Incarnate, despite not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen
11	Stephen Smith	It is not right nor fair what has transpired with Fr Jeremy Leatherby. Do the right thing and return him to be an active priest!
12	Beth Tatge	Bishop Soto, this fight you have with the wonderful Leatherby Family in response to a report of active gay priests in your Diocese is beyond ridiculous & evil. One day when Father Leatherby is canonized Saint Jeremy, your name will be in his book as a hindrance to this Holy Priest of God. Bring Father Leatherby back & clean up this Diocese of the active cover up of active gay priests!
13	Sandra	We need Fr. Leatherby back in our parish.
14	Katy Dragoo	
15	Celeste Van Alstyne-	It's time to get this issue resolved.
16	Carol Wright	
17	Karen Moran	
18	Sally Fong	Dear Bishop Soto, The Church needs more priests like Fr. Leatherby, Please return him home where he is greatly needed.
19	Jodi Hallerman	
20	Paula Segno	
21	Gene Segno	
22	Penelope Webb	
23	Mark St James	Resign Bishop Soto
24	Teresa Matthews	
25	Julie Pitel	

26	Susan Money	It is time to resolve this matter. A very faithful and holy priest is being kept from ministry while rumors abound about priests committing adulterous acts and a blind eye is turned...perhaps the Papal Nuncio needs to be contacted to uncover the truth and spare so many good people from sins of gossip and speculation ...
27	Karen Salstrom	Holy priests should not be treated this way.
28	V. B. Anonymous	Justice delayed, justice denied. The Sacramento Diocese should proceed to the formal process if the Bishop thinks he committed acts against Canon Law and Diocesan policies. Those who committed sexual abuse among the clergy should not be covered up by the bishop. Silence no more!
29	Christine Ryskamp	
30	Peter Meade	
31	Craig Alleger	“For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.” Bishop, please do the right thing. We need more priests like Father Leatherby.
32	Jean Pergande	
33	Allison Ruuso	
34	Paul Russo	
35	Maribel Davalos	Please expedite process, and return Fr. Leatherby to ministry. Thank you! May God Bless, and help you with this matter.
36	Marie Scott	Father Leatherby is a Holy and Honorable priest who needs to be allowed to return to active ministry. I pray Bishop Soto that you do what is just and allow this to be resolved!
37	Katie Davis	
38	Mary Bomparola	I left the parish and won't come back until father leatherby is back
39	Nicole Keen	
40	Gneal Trevethan	
41	Rachel Thurman	He has been faithful and obedient. Please return Fr Leatherby to hi ministry
42	Erin Snyder	
43	Katie Deaser	Please return Father Leatherby, he was amazing and such a great teacher who had so much pasyfr faith. We miss him dearly.
44	Andy Jimenez	Please reinstate Fr. Leatherby
45	Kimberly Simons	
46	Stacy Downs	Answer the questions and get this Saint of a priest back to serving his community and our blessed church!
47	Ross and Annemarie	Prayers for Father Leaterbys reinstatement.
48	Ronan McNamara	Fr Leatherby is a good & holy priest. He has been denied justice. Bishop Soto please do your job and resolve this.
49	Renee Estacio	
50	Wendy Rund	It's time for an END to the political character assasination of this good priest!!
51	Leyla Hastings	Please bring back Fr. Leatherby to active ministry, we need a Holy Priest, who follows our Churches Teachings and fills our hearts with Joy and Hope. He inspires our young children/teens to want to learn about Jesus Christ and the True Teachings of our Catholic Faith.

52	Dina	Reinstated Fr. Leatherby to the ministry !
53	Elizabeth Stember	
54	Rita Helfrick	Return Fr. Leatherby to his ministry.
55	Mary Mendenhall	
56	Karen Sperber	
57	Georgette Tsui	Fr. Leatherby has changed the lives of so many people and he has a gift that has been given to him in and through our Lady. We need more faithful priests in our world. Please be merciful and just with his priesthood because he truly is a blessing for all of us. In our Lady's heart, Georgette Tsui
58	Sean Tsui	
59	Kristine Reed	
60	Allison Funk	
61	Matt Leatherby	18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! 19 People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you. ...God will give me justice.
62	Pamela Smith	
63	Stephen J Watson	Bring Fr Leatherby back to his priestly duties.
64	Erin chargin	
65	Mary Robbins	Please expedite this process and return Fr. Leatherby to active ministry, his flock needs him now more than ever!!
66	Summer Mackis	
67	Brittany Young	
68	Cheryl Cowan	
69	Shannon Bowen	
70	Karla Geach	
71	Troy Olsen	Reinstate Father Leatherby he is the single most positive and holy priests I have ever met in all my travels abroad. It was he who made me consider to become a Deacon and the loss of him that made me reconsider that. We the parish of Presentation miss him dearly. No matter what I stand by him. God bless Him and his family!
72	Michelle Gutierrez	Please bring back Fr Letherby
73	Joe Helfrick	Bring Fr. Jeremy Leatherby back!
74	Rich Marotti	
75	Stacey Smernes	
76	Janell Thomas	
77	Barbara Agnell	
78	Erin Harris	
79	Esther Jimenez	
80	Ruben Jimenez	
81	Jeannine Davis	
82	Makayla Thurman	

83	Tyree Dillingham	
84	John Davis	
85	Alan Smith	
86	Janell Pantages	
87	Shelly Collins	Bishop Soto, We want answers. We want a resolution. Shelly, godmother of Jeremy
88	Johnathan Weaver	
89	Anthony Smernes	
90	Ingrid	
91	Joanna Nelson	
92	Michael Smith	
93	Janell Thomas	
94	Terrin Henderson	
95	Phil Russell	
96	Mary Travis	
97	Ron Thurman	
98	Ryan Funk	
99	Helen Spalding	Bishop Soto, this man has been deprived of the protocol, the process any priest or religious is entitled to if accused by anyone of anything! Do not leave him to twist in the wind, hoping that he'll leave the priesthood! He's a holy, godly man and priest. Return him to active duty and restore all his priestly faculties immediately, please. We the laymen of the Church have a right to ask this of you, seeing the abuses of due process Father Leatherby has been subject to! Sincerely, Helen Spalding
100	Viviane Maxwell	Please return Father Leatherby to Presentation Parish. The Parish has not been the same since he was replaced. I made the decision to join Presentation Parish in 2013 because Jeremy and his family supported Prop 8 despite the scrutiny they suffered at their family business. Father Leatherby was a true blessing to all of us and I continue to pray he will return and bring joy back to Presentation Parish. Lord hear our prayers!
101	mattderagisch	
102	Chris Hintz	Fr. Leatherby is one of the holiest men I have ever met and his innocence will be proven in God's time.
103	Candace Hintz	
104	Russell Miller	The church is in such turmoil right now it seems very sad that Father Leatherby is not out helping the church.
105	Patricia Costa	Please bring him back! He's one of the best!
106	Kelley Nalewaja	I want more than just a reinstatement..that would be easy for the diocese. I want ANSWERS to the issue at hand..homosexuality going on in Sac Diocese and being ignored, and the faithful punished. I want him publicly cleared, and a public statement from the diocese.
107	Charles Mudd	
108	Rachel Beilgard	
109	Grace Bellon	God bless you Fr Leatherby!
110	Caitlin Weaver	
111	Mike Parilo	I pray that Fr Leatherby is cleared to return to the Church's ministry

112	Jeri Anderson	
113	BEATRIZ I CONCEPCION	It is time that Father Leatherby's case be made a priority for the sake of the integrity of the Church and the children/families he lead at PBVM. The Church needs great priest who are not afraid to teach the correct doctrine and traditions that Jesus came to establish. It's time to clean "house" of the pro-gay and luke warm priests/parishioners. Even if that means we (Catholic church) dwindle in size, Jesus started with only 12! Let's set the world ablaze with the correct teachings and doctrine of the Catholic church!
114	Leigh Burnham	
115	V. S. Anonymous	Father Jeremy is truly a blessing and Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish experienced a positive revival once he became pastor at Presentation. He needs to be reinstated ASAP.
116	Jan-Michael LaBrake	We need good priests!
117	Michelle Katnik	
118	DNiece Hall	
119	Christine Marie Gonzalez	Please return Father Leatherby to active ministry. Our Holy Catholic Church needs him. His sermons and holiness call us all to a deeper conversion and draw us into recognizing the call Our Blessed Lord has on each one of our hearts.
120	Mary LaBrake	
121	Whitney Whichard	
122	James	
123	Michelle Parkes	
124	Richard DeCuir	
125	Theresa Deveny	
126	Tom Davenport	
127	Marlene Davenport	
128	keith parkes	
129	Benjamin Cowan	
130	JOHN O'CONNORS	
131	Christina Hirschberger	Please bring Father Leatherby back.
132	Teresa Duckworth	
133	Judy Burnham	Praying for all!
134	Mary Alice Watson	
135	Nicolle Young	
136	Nick Pavelchik	
137	Maria Castellanos	
138	Inocencio N Rangel	Your Excellency, we respectfully implore you for the good all involved to make this case a priority. The faithful deserve to know the truth of the matter especially as scandalous headlines abound about other bishops ignoring the good of their flocks and Fr Leatherby has the right to defend himself. Please hear your faithful they need to know you will do the right thing in this matter. Thank you, Excellency, you and all involved remain in our prayers.
139	Steve Anderson	Great Godly Man and a great priest!

140	Sarah Geiger	Beyond words! As a member of Presentation parish, I was able to witness first hand Father Leatherby's love and devotion to our Father, and to our Presentation community! He is loved, and terribly missed! Please let me know if there is more I can do!!
141	Alex Deaser	
142	Mark Skvarla	
143	Kathleen Veloria	Please bring Father Leatherby back to Presentation Parish.
144	Kelli	Praying everyday for Father Jeremy! He is a faithful and holy priest and our lives have been richly blessed by his leadership. He cares about the salvation of every soul under his care and we were blessed beyond measure by him while he was our pastor. We need his leadership more than ever right now.
145	Morgan	
146	Arthur G Veloria	Father Leatherby, God bless you. I continue to pray for your return
147	Jeanie Ruprecht	
148	Trinity Dunbar	
149	Teresa Santarosa	We love and miss our most holy priest! We, the people, need him to guide us "home."
150	Kelly DeRoss	
151	Jill Mahurin	
152	Sandy Easter-Graham	This is a travesty, an attack on the very fabric of our church. Silence those speaking the truth. It is time for all of us to speak out and demand that this be resolved and Father Leatherby returned to his ministry.
153	Daniel B Johnson	Keep the faith!
154	Amy Davenport	
155	Ana Pierman	Please bring back this holy priest
156	patricia	return a good priest now! all you have to do is listen to his homeys to know what kind of priest he is . I am so upset at good priests being put in limbo like this!
157	Nancy Alexander	I came into the church in 2014 and Father Keatherby was a anchor for me as I was leaving non denomination side of Christianity I have left Presentation because of my total frustration of how this was handled, I love my new parish and very connected but the Lord used this priest this parish to bring me into the fullness of our faith.
158	Gregory Spitz	
159	Chantel McAlinden	Father Leatherby is a good and holy priest. I pray for his return.
160	Marilyn Van Alstyne	Please bring Fr. Jeremy back.
161	Tami Gieseke	This "investigation" has taken way too long and I believe Fr Leatherby is one of the most holy priests i've had the privilege of knowing. I pray he be returned to the fullness of his vocation as priest soon for God's glory and the salvation of souls. So many are missing out while he sits on the sidelines. May he be reinstated and continue to gain many souls for God.
162	Jillian O'Connors	
163	Sophia Peceli	
164	Karen Safranski	We miss him
165	Susan De Peppo	

166	Mary Benning	Justice.
167	Angela	
168	Luis Fernando Santana	Fr. Leatherby is one of the best priests in the Diocese. He has helped many become better Catholics
169	Clifford Safranski	justice demands his return to the priesthood, and the Church is desperate for good priests
170	Manuel Morales	
171	gina barsotti	
172	P. K. Anonymous	Please return Father Leatherby to active Ministry!
173	B. J. Anonymous	Please bring him back!!
174	Maria Peceli	Please return Father Leatherby to active ministry. We really need priests like him. Thank you.
175	Anne Feliz	
176	Sara cruess	
177	Spencer Turpen	
178	Pete willover	
179	Sara Cotterill	
180	Leah Leatherby	One of the most amazing priests I've ever met. So proud to be related of him!
181	Richard DiGirolamo	Bring Fr Leatherby back into ministry
182	Barbara Turpen	
183	D. K. Anonymous	Please return Father to where Our Lord placed him for life.
184	Linda McAlpine	I have written a personal letter to Bishop Soto challenging him to act like a bishop, realize the harm he's done and open the diocese to full and complete investigation before he ruins the diocese altogether. It's crumbling and mostly because of his own handiwork.
185	Brian Kelly	
186	Sommer jackson	
187	samuel condon	
188	Teresa	
189	Lauren Frisch	
190	Nicolle Alejandrez-	
191	Leyla obagi	Please reinstate father Leatherby, this has taken too long. He is an outstanding and faithful priest. We miss him dearly. Thank you!
192	Kate Murphy	
193	Luis Obagi	Please reinstate father Leatherby, we need Holy priests like him!
194	Darci Stotts	Many times I have visited this parish and often have seen Fr. Leatherby. He is a wonderful, kind, holy priest. Such a tragedy that so many are missing out on his God given talents. Please reinstate Fr. Leatherby.
195	Tom Robbins	God Bless Fr Leatherby
196	Greg Gillen	
197	Elizabeth Watson	
198	Bernadette Talty	
199	Kristy Horstkamp	
200	Matthew McVey	

201	Oscar avelar	Father Leatherby is a great priest devoted to god.
202	Andrea M Wenderski	He saved my life 2 years ago with the blessing he poured on me that allowed my heart to soften and let the Lord in. Isn't this what all priests are supposed to do, yet so few are able to do it effectively? Put him back where God called him and stop trying to be God.
203	Kati S	
204	Jane Holmquist	Egregious miscarriage of justice. God will vindicate Fr Leatherby. The truly guilty, God will expose.
205	Angela Reed	This Holy priest has the most thought provoking sermons and the most reverence that I've ever seen during the transubstantiation.
206	Vina Busch	Prayers for Fr. Leatherby! Our church needs more priests like him. God Bless him.
207	Bruce Cann	
208	Karla Taylor	
209	Wayne Jensen	Please assign Fr Leatherby to active priesthood
210	Frank Ferdinand (N.B. Fake FB profile related to twitter handle @GraciellaRamos)	Iâ€™m signing BUT the vicious attacks on the woman filing the complaint have to stop!! They are only an invitation to the evil one to corrupt the process. Also is also all over the internet that she withdrew the claim. False. And that her claim is illegitimate and the suspension was solely a reatiation for Deacon Leatherby reporting a gay priest. If itâ€™s true -and no actual evidence is cited no one least if all his dad should or family is going Fr Leatherby or the future souls he will impact any favors by engaging in gossip. One can protest the actions of a Bishop without taking it to such an extreme. If he is reinstated, even if the Bishop is a sinner, Fr Leatherby has to forgive him and love him like a father and obey him when he is reinstated. Then we will have a good priest and a forgiven Bishop with the potential to convert the world with the power of their witness and the power of their sacramental work. None of the articles in Church Militant or Katy Grimesâ€™ unHINGED rantings or the radio interview are helping Fr. Leatherby. Itâ€™s a heavy cross, maybe the heaviest, but attacking the woman and the Bishop does ZERO to help.
211	Angela Byers	"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it." John 1:5
212	Christine Ebbink	I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.
213	Suzanne Plante	
214	Rene Iway	Bishop Soto resign for the good of the diocese!
215	Michele Alleger	
216	Mia DePaoli	
217	Nicole Baer	Please reinstate Fr. Leatherby. He is sorely missed at our parish.
218	Charlotte Bier	
219	Mallorie Kelly	
220	Mary-Grace Byers	"Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you." - Deuteronomy 16:20
221	John Baskette	
222	Kimley Smith	

223	Irene Clifford	We the parishioners of Presentation Parish, his family, and his friends feel the effects of our beloved and humble pastor's persecution. Like the people of San Giovanni who stood behind Padre Pio during his three-year exile, we are prepared to revolt for the love of our spiritual father! Our patience grows weary. Please, we humbly implore you, restore God's faithful servant, Father Jeremy! We will continue to pray and to weep until our merciful Father comes to our aid and brings him back to us. Please be the instrument by which He acts. In Christ, through the heart of His mother's most immaculate heart.
224	joseph rodde	
225	Amelia Ruiz	
226	Joan Houston	
227	Mark	
228	Brian Clifford	
229	Katie Digirolamo	Truth shall set you free!! Reinstate my brother, one of the holiest and saintly priests we've ever known.
230	Jenny Tatge	
231	Jamie	
232	Matthew Ahmu	In light of the events out of Pennsylvania, no more secrecy! The diocese originally stated his absence was for health reasons (a lie). So I agree, my confidence in them is very low.
233	Frances McMahon	
234	Madelyn Hallerman	
235	Robert	I have not met another Priest that has a better connection to God then our beloved Fr. Leatherby and many have been lost without their Shepherd! Please reinstate Father Leatherby, so he can continue the wonderful work he does!
236	Patricia Lane	
237	Barbara Curry	Reinstate Father Jeremy. Good priest are hard to find. We have a shortage.
238	Lesley Luppino	
239	Mary Olsen	Bring our joy filled priest back to his ministry.
240	Ed thomas	Justice delayed is justice denied
241	Sarah Del Castillo	I have known Fr Jeremy since we were 16 years old. He's a man of integrity and holiness. Give him his God given position back!
242	Sally Fisher	Dear Bishop Soto, Please reinstall this excellent priest! Have Mercy on him. Have Mercy on us!
243	Joyce Hansen	
244	Rita Hauf	It is totally terrible that an allegation would take this long to investigate. Father Leatherby always has just wanted to be a priest and to serve God and us. Please return him to active duty.
245	Katie Branch	
246	Nicole Moniz	
247	Matthew Resciniti	
248	Carole Sharkey	I fully support this petition!!!!
249	Mandie Kelly	

250	Josh	
251	Terese moad	This is a disgrace to our faith and due process. Especially since itâ€™s a personal vendetta from our current bishop! Shame on him. Prayers for father Leatherby
252	Kathie Marshall	Please Reinstate this good priest and help us remove the rot and stench from our beloved Church. The Church which Jesus started. Take a stand before you need to stand before God and reinstate this holy man of God.
253	Ken Meyers	
254	Patrick Wagner	
255	Robert Reavis	
256	Sally leatherby	He is a son of Our Lady!
257	A. E. Anonymous	when Fr. Leatherby was removed from ministry diocesan official told us it was due to health reasons. School children wanted to send him cards in hospital. Shame on you and we do not trust you now.
258	Barbara Manney	May God directly intercede for this good priest and vindicate him.
259	Andrew J Cunha	
260	Bill Walsh	The innocent shouldnâ€™t suffer
261	Katie Cunha	
262	Jennifer	What you do or don't do today will be judged by our Father in the end. Praying that you quickly make the right decision. This delay is unconscionable. We all know the real story. Reinstate Father Leatherby.
263	Mike	He is an amazing leader and priest.
264	Natalie Hickman	
265	Beth	
266	Melinda Lorenz	He is the best there is. I like a friendly face, enthusiam, and kind words. We lack that now.
267	Mary Jean Brine	
268	Adam Frisch	
269	Bridgette Wiggins	
270	Nathaniel Byers	
271	Evan Harris	
272	Amalia Saavedra	
273	Donna Greuel	I want to see this holy priest reactivated.
274	Lisa R Tsui	
275	Tavelle Matteucci	
276	Elaine Hill	
277	Joanne b wagner	
278	Dena Thorp	
279	Gretchen	Do not take away our holy priests!
280	Devid Matteucci	Bishop Soto you need to do what's right and reinstate this good priest more than never we need all the good priest the church has.
281	Dennis Reibold	
282	David Leatherby Sr	

283	Shanice Indrieri	
284	Ryan Funk	
285	Gloria Santana	Please Bishop Soto hear our petition!
286	Katherine Baxter	
287	Elaine Paddock	Bishop Soto, We are devoted Catholics who need transparency from the leader of our diocese.
288	Kristen Fisher	
289	Sharon Cocker	I do not believe this letter for 1 min. There has been no move to clear this priest of being badly treated these last 2 1/2 years. God seeâ€™s and He knows!
290	Anthony Smith	
291	Catherine Doud	
292	Jeanie kunnmann	I have never enjoyed church more than when Fr. Leatherby said mass. He should be back in the Catholic Church where he truly belongs.
293	Tracy El-Khoury	
294	Jaclynn Slobodnik	
295	Ren	
296	Victoria Blackwell	
297	Cheryl lance	Return our Holy priest
298	Alexis Dunbar	
299	Cristina Acosta	Father Leatherbyâ€™s humility, patience and obedience during the period of time since his removal from active ministry has been inspiring and a beautiful example of what holiness looks like. The delay in his case appears to be without good cause. Moreover, while Father has been unable to defend himself, Diocesan staff have slandered him and shared confidential details (gossip, not facts) about his situation. I have directly experienced this and it is truly unfortunate. Please act immediately to resolve this case and help repair our trust in the Diocese. Three years is an unreasonable amount of time to take action in this matter.
300	Marta Cuatto	
301	Mireya Sanders	
302	Nancy Cunha	
303	Michelle McFetridge	Please return Father Leatherby to active ministry. He is an exceptional holy priest.
304	Jason spitz	
305	Gianna Thomas	
306	Miguel d Acosta	Bring back our beloved pastor, Father Jeremy. -SK Miguel Acosta
307	Damon Pierman	Most reverent priest I ever met

308	Jaclene Roderick	What brought me to Presentation Parish is Fr. Jeremy Leatherby's desire to bring everyone he could to a deep and meaningful relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. I appreciate how he takes very seriously his role as our shepherd. He understands the gravity of his responsibility to his flock. I felt cared for and was challenged to be nothing less than a saint under his fatherly care. His leadership brought miraculous healing to my family and continues to bless our family through what he taught us and the GREAT GIFT of Presentation School and the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist. I am eternally grateful to Fr. Jeremy Leatherby and look forward to seeing him reinstated as soon as possible. I genuinely hope our Bishop is being genuine in his actions because we will all be called to account for what we have done and what we have failed to do. That being said, it's never too late to say I'm sorry (but the sooner, the better).
309	Bridget	Praying for you Fr. Jeremy Leatherby
310	Lucille C Hadden	Evil can no longer hide. As a shepherd, please protect the innocent children and adults in your care. Rid your diocese of the wolves and return Fr. Leatherby to honor and right standing. Please, cause no more harm to whistle-blowers who have no recourse but to report to you what they have observed.
311	Allison DePaoli	There is no holier priest! The way Fr. Leatherby has handled this unjust persecution is of no surprise to me. He is suffering just as Christ did. Reinstiate Fr. Leatherby NOW!!!
312	Sarah Sorenson	
313	Katie Prust	
314	Marla Kanelos	
315	Soraya Pierman	Fr Leatherby is an amazing and holy priest. The diocese is losing out by having him out of ministry.
316	Dominic Cooke	I have known Fr. Leatherby since I was a child. He has always been a man of integrity and unwavering faith. Re-instate Fr. Leatherby so that he can continue to inspire through his service.
317	Windy Hageman	
318	Michele Milota	
319	Suzanne Doud	
320	Katherine Baxter	
321	George Hagel	This man is one of the only things helping me to stay Catholic, the Church needs him
322	Nicolai Bajanov	Please focus on punishing priests who are actual threats to the safety of their sheep, not this innocent man.
323	Liz Andersen	
324	Lynne Cimorelli	
325	Alison Leahy	
326	Elizabeth Sutton	He is a holy man with a great desire to lead many souls to Christ. Be a part of the solution in these troubled times of the Catholic church, have some humility and do the right thing (something many Bishops have had difficulty with ). I pray the laity of the Sacramento diocese keeps up the prayers and the pressure.
327	Susan Kaufer	It is my understanding that Fr. Leatherby's accuser has rescinded her allegations. That should be sufficient grounds to dismiss this ridiculous case against him.
328	Charmaine Cooper	Enough silence.
329	Gina Newlon	

330	Amy Gawron	
331	Michele Zollars	
332	Alison Fryzelka-Rippe	
333	Debbie Rosales	
334	Marie Leatherby	It is time this gifted and amazing priest be reinstated. His loss has been heartbreaking for so many. He brought so many souls to the Lord and deepened their faith. Mine included. We will never know how many have been lost over these past 2.5 years since his removal. Anyone who truly knows him knows these accusations and allegations could not be true. I pray this council seeks the truth and justice be restored. In Jesus name.
335	Gina A Pecher	
336	Jerry Krebs	
337	Marie Shiya	Outrageous.
338	Arielle	This is ridiculous that I even have to sign this- this shouldn't be happening!
339	John Abdo	
340	Chris Bailey	We want truth with justice and mercy. It has been too long for the body of Christ to wait for answers and decisions for a priest, Fr. Jeremy, who deserves more compassion and justice on his behalf and ours.
341	Clare Dick	
342	Sarah Holowecky	Please reinstate Fr. Leatherby.
343	Kimberly Murin	
344	Catherine Hendon	
345	anthony indrieri	The man is the real deal. Dont stand behind a bishop that you know isn't right. "The truth is incontrovertible, malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is". Do the right thing!
346	Scott Geiger	
347	Francis Ruiz	Unfair and wrong
348	Polly Cooper	
349	Tom Herring	Removing a priest for 2.5+ years of "investigating" a single allegation is, on the face of it, a grave injustice.
350	D. Q. Anonymous	This is a despicable outrage and absolute injustice. Fr. Jeremy is an excellent priest, the very best I've seen or known in all my years and travels around the world. No one deserves this injustice and outright negligence in resolving an issue such as this. Stop promoting bad actors while covering up scandal all while persecuting the many very good priests. There must be a level of trust and it works both ways with clergy and laity. I sincerely hope and pray that Fr. Leatherby be reinstated immediately.
351	Janine Murphy	It is ridiculous that Jeremy Leatherby is being treated this way. And by his own Church. Christ would not want the people to be unheard. We are asking for loving action. Please move on this!
352	Susie O'Brien	

353	John Atilano	Bishop Soto, I am a perisioner at St. Melâ€™s church but I have heard nothing but fine things about Father Leatherby. I believe he should be reinstated now. Our Church is under attack not only from the outside but also the inside by Bishops who do not have the guts to stand up and protect the priest who need protecting and instead feel compelled to protect priest who should be prosecuted and removed from the Church (pedifile and homosexual).
354	Ann Marie Berthiaume	
355	Madeline Ebbink	â€œHe heals the brokenhearted and binds up their woundsâ€ Psalm 147:3
356	Amy Freda	
357	Margaret Rita Reilly	Fr. Leatherby was my pastor at Presentation Parish. The Parish grew and thrived largely in part to his servant leadership. He is a faithful and loyal shepherd. I went on pilgrimage with a large group including him to Europe. His behavior and reverence were observed by all.
358	Susan Didriksen	
359	Andrew Bencken	
360	Molly Johnson	
361	Melinda Anderson	I have always been so impressed with the enthusiasm of Father Leatherby. His pure joy for his work in serving God is so evident and inspiring. ... It was undoubtedly the best Catholic experience I've ever had and I was so glad to be a part of this parish. I miss his friendly manner, his smile, his love for his work. Outside of Dave, this parish is lacking.
362	Sam Tatge	God Bless the Leatherbys!!!!
363	Elijah Leatherby	
364	Mary Bateman	
365	Stephanie	
366	Matt Engstrom	
367	Barbara Rosser	Now!
368	Catherine Liberatore	
369	Tim O'Connors	
370	Caitie Fischer	
371	Mary O'Keefe	We are being deprived of a wonderful holy man. He is what a spiritual leader should be. I a thankful that he showed up in my life and brought me back as an active member of the Church. I pray he returns to continue his ministry>
372	Amy Shorrock	On behalf of my self, my mother in law Deni Polstra and All Shorrock Family Members We Stand by Father Leatherby and want to see him active. He was a huge part of our family during the time Deni Polstra was sick. Heâ€™s Amazing.
373	David Mark	Bishop Soto, it is time to finish your phony "investigation" and reinstate this holy priest. For you to have left this man twisting in the wind for over 2 1/2 years is shameful. Not even Robert Mueller's investigation into President Trump's alleged collusion has been going on that long. And sending Fr. Leatherby across the country for six months, allegedly for psychological evaluation, was heartless. Your prior history of lying to the congregation regarding the reason for his departure has destroyed any credibility you and the Diocesan staff have in the eyes of the congregation. Bishop Soto, it is time for you and the Holy Father both to end the stonewalling.

374	Joseph Van Zant	Itâ€™s been more than two years no with no substantiated charges being brought against Fr. Leatherby. To continue to deny him his ability to do his Priestly duties, constitutes a feeling of being â€œGuilty without a trial. Please, allow Fr. Leatherby to return to at least saying Masses as he has requested. Thank You,
375	Jennifer Engstrom	
376	Susan Van Zant	
377	Dana Miller	
378	Dan Hadden	
379	Roxy Mamauag	
380	Catherine elton	please Bishop, stop the scandal you created! But we know that Father Leatherby has lifted up this cross and it his honor to suffer for Christ and His Church!
381	Emily K	
382	Chris F	
383	Jennifer Tarzian	
384	Candace Beck	
385	Elizabeth Gregorius	
386	Tracy Cruz	Stand up for whatâ€™s right in Godâ€™s eyes.
387	Jim Beck	Father Leatherby has been inspirational in reinspiring my faith !
388	Angelita Fan	
389	Tina Cota	He brought me back to the faith. It would do harm to Catholic diocese to lose him. He is needed in full or partial capacity. In my opinion, he was very trusting of everyone.
390	Julie Leininger	This a shameful thing for the Catholic Church!
391	Sean Leininger	So sad that the bishop hasnâ€™t addressed this with honor!
392	Christine Belke	
393	Sarah Wheelock	
394	Megan Schiff	
395	Jim Beck	Enough is enough Bishop Soto.
396	Melissa Watermolen	Yes yes yes!!!!
397	James Egan	
398	Ryan Siozon	
399	Aileen McCrann	Return Father Leatherby to active ministry!
400	Chantel Beck	
401	Carlos delgado	
402	Marshall Hendon	
403	Darby Gerke	Please bring back Father Leatherby
404	Elizabeth Baker	
405	Tammy Maher	
406	Bridget Maher	
407	Tim Cocker	The holiest man I know

408	John Maher	One of the biggest travesty of our diocese. We insist that this young priest be restored and granted all of his priestly faculties, duties and responsibilities. Three years and nothing. Your bulletin insert apology letter and posting of a snitch hotline phone number for the laity to report priestly sexual abuse is beyond hypocritical, especially when active sodomite priests where reported to the Vicar by Deacon Leatherby at St. Philomena's Church. The priests were not punished but the whistleblower was and his son, Father Leatherby was removed from his assignment under trumped up fake allegations because of his holy work seen by you Bishop as a threat to your liberal agenda within our diocese. The sign on your door might as well say, "Conservative traditional priests need not apply." By the way, there is a movement to call upon the laity to hold back any and all monetary donations to you Bishop Soto and the diocese and money be diverted to other needs.... Sacramento Life Center for one. Faithful..... cut off the money supply and see how soon the bishop comes clean. Yes, this will effect many hard working well intended diocesesn employees, but then perhaps they too will come forward and expose this man. Please forward this petition to any and all. If you are sitting on the fence Re this issue wake up and get involved or wait another three or five years while the corrupt Vatican might decide to hear this case which the bishop sent to Rome, right after he washed his hands.
409	Douglas Miller	Leave good priests alone!
410	Jan England	I know Fr. Leatherby to be an upstanding priest who reached out with compassion and charity to help many people. I do not believe that any priest could offer the reverent Masses he offered in a state of mortal sin which he is being accused of. I pray God's holy will may be done in this and in all things.
411	Kimberly	
412	Allison Morisey	Fr. leatherby is an inspiration to the youth and one of the most reverent priests I've ever known.
413	Stephen Byers	
414	Wendi Sanger	
415	Shannon Taylor	
416	Lisa Marco	
417	Gerarda Koehne	My heart is so heavy about this unresolved matter. Please help the faithful by being transparent. God loves us all.
418	Michaela mark	
419	Jamie Shaye Mark	
420	Patrick Downs	There will be justice whether here or judgement day! Fr. Leatherby is a good man and has done nothing but been obedient and respectful.
421	Rachell MacCarthy	
422	Eduardo Villalobos	
423	Laura Dayton	His reinstatement is long overdue. The people of the diocese are asking for timely justice and an end to this abuse of power.
424	Heidi Waters	Praying for all holy priests, especially Fr. Leatherby. May their example inspire many to lead good and holy lives.
425	Regina Furlow	
426	Fr Richard Perozich	Please resolve this situation for father Jeremy and get him back in ministry today

427	Theresa Shafer	Incredible family that this has gone on way too long!
428	Mackenzzy jaques	
429	Marilyn Elder	
430	Mary Murphy-Waldorf	Please discipline the priests caught in homosexual activities and other unchaste behavior and reinstate the good priests. When someone steps forward with information whether lay or priest about very serious allegations of behavior, that person should not be reprimanded unless it is found untrue.
431	Jean Mark	God knows the truth. In the meantime, let's heed the words of Our Blessed Mother and pray for all involved in this tragic event that has devastated so many--even well beyond our own parish community. Message, 25. August 2018 "Dear children! This is a time of grace. Little children, pray more, speak less and permit God to lead you on the way of conversion. I am with you and love you with my motherly love. Thank you for having responded to my call."
432	Liv Loera	He was the first priest I had ever met who treated the Mass with such reverence that I could tell that he truly believed what he said he believed. Mass wasn't something to just get through to fulfill the weekly obligation, but he truly celebrated Mass.
433	Maureen Hammock	
434	Mick Hammock	
435	Steven Peceli	I hope justice served to this bishop from the church and civil authorities if necessary. There has been no justice where Fr. Jeremy Learherby has been concerned - the evidence speaks for that.
436	Natalie LaHood	
437	Angela	
438	Stacey	Please bring Father Jeremy back to our parish. In the name of the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!
439	Ana Bautista	Please return Father Leatherby to his priestly duties. It has been long enough and he has waited patiently for this issue to be resolved. We were lied to by the Diocese so it is difficult to believe that anything is being done for Father to return to his vocation. Justice for Father Leatherby.
440	Chris anderson	What a loss to presentation this has been. Please bring back Father Jeremy Leatherby. It's been too long since he was wrongfully taken away from the parish It is also ludicrous that we were lied to when told he resigned due to medical issues. I will not donate any more to this parish until Father Jeremy is rightfully returned to his place in the Presentation Parish. My trust in this parish is deminishing...
441	Christine	It was hard dealing with the scandal at the high level of our faith but it is even harder to see this in our parish. The unjust, the lies. I too will no longer donate to this church....i will save my offerings until the day Father Jeremy returns, then I will donate. Pic up your cross and join me.. not to be rude or disrespectful but Soto has got to go...
442	linda austin	Bishop Soto, I know Fr Leatherby and by all standards I feel that he has been unjustly accused by a very unstable person. Sincerely in Christ, Linda Austin, OCDS

443	Joanne Goralka	It is unbelievable to me that it is now 2 1/2 years later and Fr. Leatherby has not been cleared of these unjust allegations and returned to his active priesthood. I have no doubts that the suffering Fr. Leatherby is unjustly suffering is going to prepare home for Sainthood. He is a Holy Priest! Please do the right thing and restore him to his Holy Priesthood. In my conversation with the vicar of the priests ( Fr. Blaise Berg) shortly after Fr. Leatherby was removed from Presentation Parish, after a daily mass at the Cathedral, I asked about Fr. Leatherby and what I could do to help his case. I was told that I didn't know him and that he was leading a double life! This is absolute nonsense and so unjust! I was so concerned that Fr. Leatherby was getting railroaded, I summarized my conversation in an email. The very priest in charge of the priests was throwing Fr. Leatherby under the bus. This has got to stop. Holy priests are getting persecuted from the inside!
444	Frances Gentry	Father Leatherby was one of the reasons I came back to the Catholic Church
445	Christine Brown	We're all praying for you to do the right thing. Don't you hear God whispering in your ear , Do the right thing for my beloved son Jeremy.
446	Julie Handy	
447	Denise M OConnors	Real transparency, now!
448	Kevin kramer	
449	Beth Watley	Now is the time to do the right thing and being Fr Leatherby back!
450	Amy Glaser	
451	Jenna Mark	Fr. Jeremy has ignited a passion for the faith in so many. He wants nothing more than to be a priest and deserves a fair hearing. Bishop Soto, it is your obligation to give him one. This is the type of injustice that is discouraging so many away from our holy church.
452	Steven Brown	Re-instate Father Leatherby!
453	Mary Driscoll	Return faithful Fr. Jeremy Leatherby, Holy Mary's son and priest, to his duties. Suck it up and apologize publically. More than ever we need our faithful priests, including our extraordinary ones, like Fr. Jeremy Leatherby. Many faithful priests in our 2000+ history have suffered unjust ecclesiastical imprisonment like Fr. Jeremy Leatherby. St. Padre Pio & St John of the Cross, to name only two. Please BP Soto. Stop persecuting your faithful sons and stop covering up for your unfaithful sons. Our faithful priests cannot speak up as you well know. Both Confessional Seal and obedience prevent them, But many of the faithful laity do not know of these impediments. We will forgive you and so will God Almighty for your sins and mistakes. Remember, P. Francis had 6+ months warning, personally, before the POTUS Executive Order of December 21, 2017. Please, clean up our Diocese, before the feds with RICO indictments, and/or CA AG - Grand Juries do it for you. I have 2 dead cousins, Michael H and Joseph H dead. Buried in the ground as a result of sodomite predators, complicit Bishops and Archbishops and Cardinals and our 'holy?' Father. Hasn't your flock been thru enough? We don't want settlements. We want our Church back. Jesus of Mercy, I trust in You.
454	Erin turner	I support the faithful and the obedient. I'm today's church this is what is deserved by all!
455	Meghan Enabnit	

456	Paul and Carole Hinkle	We have known Fr. Jeremy Leatherby for a number of years. When we were on a pilgrimage to the Vatican and Rome in 2005, headed by Fr. Vincent Juan, JCL, Jeremy Leatherby was studying in Rome and met us at the Vatican and gave us a marvelous tour. We were on a pilgrimage with Fr. Leatherby and family and many other Catholics to the Holy Land in 2008. (Fr. Art Wehr,SJ, and Fr. Mark Richards were also on the pilgrimage.) The evening we arrived, Fr. Leatherby celebrated Mass in Bethlehem on my 70th birthday. I was really moved by Fr. Leatherby's holiness. May God continue to bless Fr. Leatherby and the Leatherby families. (Paul Hinkle)
457	Sally Petree	
458	Anne Coulter	
459	Augusta Brothers	
460	Molly Flores	
461	Cecilia Byers	
462	John Paul Byers	Fr. Leatherby is the holiest priest I've ever known! Bring Fr. Leatherby back now!!
463	Mike Anderson	
464	Lainie Anderson	
465	Tony LaPlaca	
466	Madelyn Byers	Fr. Leatherby is the most saintly person I have ever met and has been an amazing role model for me. Please bring him back! "As your hearts have been disposed to stray from God, turn now ten times the more to seek him".
467	Katherine Jensen	
468	Catherine Helgeson	
469	Matthew Helgeson	
470	Dionne Collins	We are praying that Father Leatherby is returned to Presentation.
471	Steven Collins	
472	Natasha Field	
473	Kenneth Austin	There has been a rush to judgement in this case, as evidenced by the actions of the diocese, most especially, the absence of timely findings of fact.
474	Bev Walsh	
475	James Wesley Coulter	You will always be my favorite priest Father Jeremy!
476	Lorin Cardin	
477	Nelia Holland	
478	Damien Schiff	
479	Christina Sy	
480	Lisa Yumoto	
481	Jonathan Cardin	
482	Cecilia Araj	

483	Michele DeCristoforo	Please reinstate Father Leatherby now! More than ever, the flock needs shepherding. God knows the truth. It is heartbreaking that the priests who stay true to the Catholic faith are accused unjustly by the powers that be, while those who engage in homosexual and/or predatory behavior not only remain undisciplined but also protected within the diocese. Please do the right thing Bishop Soto"reinstate Father Leatherby. We are heartbroken that our faithful priest has been taken from us.
484	Elise DeCristoforo	
485	Mark Quontamatteo	
486	Peter and JoAnn	
487	Olivia	
488	Josh Deaser	
489	Rachael Russell Garza	Please reinstate Father Jeremy Leatherby. What has been done to him, to his family, & even more importantly, to the Church is appalling. This has dragged on for far too long and Father Jeremy is needed where God has called him.
490	Ruth almeter	
491	Steven L Coulter	Bishop Soto, I also support Father Leatherby's return to ministry. I love the Catholic Church, and brought my family (of 9 at the time, now 10) into the Church 9 years ago. Father Leatherby has been a blessing and encouragement to my family - his joy, reverence for the Mass, meaningful homilies faithful to Church teaching, and a desire to minister to and lead souls to our Lord. We all miss Father and wish his speedy return to active ministry. Steven Coulter
492	H. B. Anonymous	Restore and keep the faithful!
493	Theresa Ellis	Fr. Jeremy Leatherby is a good and faithful priest.
494	Nadine Della Bitta	Father Mark Richard, Vicar General: With such a shortage of Priests it seems the Diocese would want to resolve the "allegations" against Father Leatherby. The absence of Father Leatherby as a "priest", I believe, has had an negative affect in our Diocese. Father Leatherby has shown through his reverence as he prays the Mass, his counseling on faith matters, and his daily life of prayer (even through this tragic event in his life) that he is a devoted priest and this is the life God has chosen him to live. Allow him to return to his service to our Lord and the community. It is necessary to put this entire issue to rest to allow the healing process to begin. We need and have a right to a decision on the matter of Father Leatherby's return to his vocation as a fully functioning priest. If the Diocese would prefer he not return to this Diocese then release him so that he may serve the Lord elsewhere with dignity and the respect that he so deserves. It is time to stop punishing the people of this Diocese, whom he has been a holy spiritual leader, and to allow him to continue with his life - regardless of the decision - he and the people of this Diocese have a right for this to be put to rest. Return Father Leatherby to his full ministry as a priest of this diocese or allow him to move forward where he will be appreciated as a priest and spiritual adviser.
495	Cindy Quontamatteo	
496	Michellelevingston	
497	Mercedes anderson	
498	James Rizzotto	Only the Holy name of Jesus has the power to save

499	patricia Hansen	We need dedicated.,orthodox priests now more than ever. Please restore Fr. Jeremy to ministry.
500	Karla Jimenez	It speaks volumes of the diocese when they treat a priest, such as Fr. Leatherby, whose fruits speak for themselves, so unjustly. Yet the many, many priests in the diocese who teach and promote heresies are not even touched. He has throughout his years of ministry brought thousands to a closer relationship to Jesus and Mary. How are we, the laity, to trust such a Diocese to investigate justly and with sincerity? It took 2 1/2 years to figure all this out? Really? And now with the push this letter gets sent out? Your flock, Bishop Soto, asks for answers. Your flock asks for transparency. Your flock asks for their Holy Priest back.
501	MaryAnn Baer	
502	Allyson Smith	
503	Andrew DeCelles	Given the current State of our Church, if he "had" molested an alter boy or a seminarian, he would be in line for promotion to Bishop, We need to remove the cancerous Bishops
504	Stephen Graff	Way too much time, way too little information for the lay faithful = injustice. Let's get this resolved soon and appropriately communicated. It's time for transparency on so many fronts, let's try to accomplish that in small matters, and maybe the larger matters can follow!
505	Teresa Broghammer	
506	Thomas Graff	
507	Lynette Brannan	
508	Linda Needham	Praying for you.
509	Eileen Beresford	
510	Moira Malley	
511	Taylor	
512	Heather Masson	
513	Joan Pernicano	As someone said, had he molested/raped a postpubesent male or seminarian, he'd be on his way to being a bishop. Very sad state of affairs in the Church.
514	Syd Wright	
515	Christopher Graff	Fr. L is the best homilist I have ever encountered. Keeping him in my prayers during this troubling time in Church history. If we do not have sufficient opportunity and transparency so as to learn from our mistakes, what is the point of proclaiming oneself Catholic?
516	Erin Cairns	
517	Joanne P Carey	This good man must be restored.
518	Maureen Abdo	May the truth set him free!
519	Joe Beile	
520	Grace Barnes	Restore Our Brother in Christ, Father Leatherby... His sheep are waiting much too long. Our Blessed Mother pray for Father release.
521	Renee Graceffa	
522	Margarita Vincent	
523	Elizabeth	
524	Jaymie Wilson	
525	Hannah McNamara	

526	Suzanne Watson	It is despicable how Fr. Jeremy has been treated. Where is the due process for a man who has done nothing wrong? Do the right thing here & give him back his life.
527	Tina Padilla	Wonderful man and needs to be back home at Presentation.
528	Guy Di Ponio	
529	Joshua Hunt	Bishop Soto is a JOKE! He knows NO COMPASSION, and has a trail of deceit. Bring Father back!
530	marjorie m baygell	Why has Father Leatherby's canon lawyer said he has had no contact with the diocese and neither has Father Jeremy.
531	Shannon Morgan	
532	Gerry Scott	This cannot go on any longer. Fr. Leatherby must be allowed to return to active ministry
533	Christin Eichert	
534	Casimir Sliwa	
535	John S Brown	Please reinstate Father Leatherby to being a active priest. We NEED him, do the right thing. PRAY PRAY PRAY
536	Cheryl Ramirez	
537	Marianne Foote	
538	James Quinn	The Lord is the final judge and he cannot be corrupted. We will all need to make an account of our life to him.
539	Melinda Ciaccio	
540	Sue Sanchez Grela	
541	Lisa	
542	Patty Leatherby	
543	Alex Titus	
544	Nicklas Vincent	Please address this with love and truth. Please do not leave your flock in the dark
545	Kevin Loheit	
546	Shirley Lauwers	I believe he was not treated fairly ,I will sign
547	Josh Leatherby	
548	Margarita Sanders	
549	Robert Lazark	I have been attending Mass at Presentation parish for several years. I remember when father Jeremy came the our church, and I was very moved how Father Leatherby performed the transformation of the bread and the wine so that the Church asks the Father to his Holy Spirit on the bread and wine may become the body and wine of Jesus Christ and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one and one spirit. Father Jeremy made this conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and the blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. He made me feel the presence of the Lord. I want to have him back as our Priest. Thank you.
550	Mary Klaas Schultz	WWJD???
551	Michelle Duval	
552	Erin Miroglio	
553	Ana Narag	
554	Sarah Curran	
555	Grace Baer	

556	Margaret Jones	I support Fr. Leatherby. This is all ridiculous. Shame on Soto!
557	James Rodda	
558	Adrienne Hombrado	I received a card postmarked 6/16/2016 acknowledging receipt of my, "recent correspondence to Bishop Jaime Soto," assuring me that the contents of my letter, "will be given due consideration." Bishop Soto, please prayerfully consider the contents of my letter from June 2016. It includes my testimony and examples of Father Leatherby's faithfulness to his priestly vocation, including his adherence to truth, chastity, and his fervent desire to lead souls to heaven. Please restore Father Leatherby to active ministry.
559	Elsa F	
560	Annette Cocker	
561	Bob Hallerman	His day will come!
562	Tom Huckins	
563	Oswaldo Graciano	
564	Jeff Russell	
565	Victoria Larranaga	Father Leatherby was a huge part of my family's deep conversation to our religion. He is the holiest priest I have ever met!
566	Stephen Truxton	Dear Father Leatherby and Bishop Soto, be assured of my continued prayers and sacrifices. God sees all and is Just.
567	Sarah Bozeman	Father Leatherby restored my faith in the church and furthered my relationship with God. He is gifted in bring the children of God back home to the house of God.
568	Joey Catania	He was the sole reason for me finding my way back to my faith.
569	Brooke Lustig	Father Leatherby is a wonderful man of God and deserves to spread the love and light of God in the best way he knows how!!
570	Joanne Hammett	
571	Hannah Catania	
572	Gerese Weber	
573	Cheryl Jaques	I can attest that Fr. Jeremy has a gift for the priesthood that should be shared
574	Lori Catania	
575	Quentin D'Souza	Given the state in which the Church is has been overrun by self-aggrandizing clerics, it is not difficult to see what is at play. The smoke of Satan has entered the Church and has now reached Sacramento. Fr. Jeremy Leatherby is a man of God, and Satan through his agents, will try to stop him from doing his duty as an exorcist. If Bishop Soto has a chance of making it to Purgatory, he will be best served to shut down this facade, admit to wrongdoing and reinstate Fr. Leatherby immediately.
576	Lisa Parnow	I have been around many, many priest in my 59 years. Fr. Jeremy Leatherby is by far the holiest Priest I have ever encountered. Please reinstate him immediately.
577	Fr Francis Murin	
578	Julie Patton	
579	Daphney Hewitt	Praying for your Father Letherby! Jesus, I Trust In You!
580	Cara Cooper	
581	Salvador A Ramirez	

582	Kim Lasavio	
583	Adele Lozito	
584	Hannah Willover	
585	Thomas G Parnow	I have known Fr L as a friend, priest and spiritual Advisor. After 26 years as a peer officer, I tell you he is innocent.
586	Beth	
587	K. K. Anonymous	I support the return of Fr. Leatherby to his priestly duties!
588	Richard Perez	Justice for father Leatherby, praying that he can celebrate mass again.
589	Sheleen Haddad	
590	Rachel Gauna	There is a shortage of good and honest priests throughout the United States, and specifically in the Diocese of Sacramento. Yes? The lady in question withdrew her accusation over a year ago. Yes? There is no corroborating evidence that any misdeed occurred. Yes? And the "process is proceeding"? wtf
591	Heriberto R Herrera	
592	Lorena Torres	
593	Daniel alves	
594	Dan alves	
595	Kristina Garris	
596	Athena Viratos	
597	Inchi Sugarman	
598	Maureen Sharp	I have known Father Jeremy since he was a boy. He is a very good perse on and has been a good and holy servant of the Church. He has more than paid for any suspected transgressions after being publicly condemned, removed from his priestly duties. and kept waiting for over 2 years for the diocese to act Return this man to his duties as a Priest!
599	Teresa	Please return Father Leatherby to active status.
600	Maureen DeVigal	I pray for his return to service...
601	Brian Auerbach	
602	Sarah Goetz	We need more faithful and obedient priests like Fr. Leatherby.
603	Joe Catania	
604	Rose Sweet	
605	Beth Castro	
606	Tony Macera	
607	Peter Lemmon	
608	Rev Dr Ben Zandstra	As a protestant minister who has served Modoc County for 32 years, I encourage you to return Fr. Leathery to active ministry. His deep faith & service was a blessing to the community & a fine representative of the Roman Catholic Church.
609	Nikki Dickey	Please let Fr. Jeremy continue Godâ€™s work for us all. It is time!
610	Ivana barisic	One of the best priest lâ€™ve ever met

611	Rosanna Blevins	I have known Fr. Jeremy since before he was ordained. He consecrated his priesthood to Our Blessed Mother and took seriously his role as spiritual father to every soul entrusted to his care. His fervent preaching and humble love and reverence for the King of kings brought about a joyous transformation of faith in our parish. We suffer with him and his family at this prolonged injustice. In the end, Truth will triumph. Bishop Soto, please set this son of Mary free to do the work Our Lord has called him to do. Fr. Jeremy Leatherby is faithful to Holy Mother Church and belongs with her children.
612	Lisa Couch	
613	Joseph Gangl	
614	Sharon Johnson	
615	Margaret Crooks	
616	yan p	
617	Melissa Sahaj	
618	Jonathan Cundangan	
619	Jeannine Eason	Is it true the accuser has moved out of state?
620	M Rapeanu OP STL	
621	Stephanie Demboski	Your Excellency, Please return Fr. Jeremy Leatherby to his people. I have know him for over a decade and despite knowing some amazing priests in the 6 states I've lived in since then, I still regard him as one of the holiest and most humble. You do a disservice to you diocese.
622	Amy Seyfried	
623	Ellen Di Girolamo	
624	Shelby V	Please complete the process swiftly and return Father Leatherby to ministry.
625	Joshua Veach	I obviously don't know anything about the allegations regarding Father Leatherby. I do know that his positive impact on the community was unparalleled in my experience with the church. Father Leatherby baptized my wife and son, and also married my wife and I. I have never witnessed a priest with such an amazing ability to relate to his parishioners and inspire people to seek a closer relationship with god. The delays in this case are depriving the world and church of an amazing asset and person.
626	EMILY ESGUERRA	
627	ROSS ESGUERRA	Fr Leatherby is s holy man. He has brought so many people back to knowing and loving Our Lord.
628	Dan Dillon	Remove shackles from Father Leatherby
629	Rev Robert Badger	
630	Kelly a rochester	
631	Tim Plimpton	
632	Sarah Couch	
633	Margaret Allison	Why is it that the holiest and most charismatic priests are attacked? It saddens my heart, but brings the sufferings of Jesus & the saints into a current context. May the Lord have mercy on our diocese and our Church.
634	John Taylor	
635	Fernand Larranaga	

636	Emily Smith	
637	Michelle ouellet	
638	Anitha Chrisanthus	Please be transparent and reinstate Fr. Leatherby, the church need more holy priests like him! We used to drive miles to attend mass in his parish - Jesus's presence in the bread and wine was truly felt at his mass. Praying for Fr.Leatherby, cannot imagine what he is going through!
639	Chris Levis	I have known Fr. Jeremy for many years and have seen him grow into his vocation as a priest. He is the real deal. I have not known a more devoted priest. I am certain the accusations against him are not true. Please reinstate him as soon as possible. The faithful need priests like Father Jeremy!
640	Dan Osanna	Father Mark: Father Jeremy Leatherby is the only priest who has ever stood on the altar and told me it is his responsibility to get his parishioners to heaven. His leadership as the shepherd of Presentation is the reason I went from a lukewarm cradle Catholic to the daily communicant I am today because he introduced me to the love of our holy mother, Mary. He is also the reason that I am still faithful today because of the example of faithful obedience he is setting in this unfair persecution and also in light of the current scandals that are hitting our church. He is the one that taught me to put God first and not the priest. Let us contrast his actions with yours and the diocese. You came to our parish, lied to us when you told us Father Leatherby was ill, employees of the diocese have openly stated that Father is guilty without due process and in direct violation of Can. 1717 Â§2 . We watched a whole year of mercy as declared by Pope Francis go by without any mercy shown in this case. May God's mercy and justice reign down on all of you. In Jesus through Mary.
641	Marlene Dederick	Please hear our fervent prayers for the return of Fr. Leatherby to the ministry. He helped so many people return to the church.
642	David Lukenbill	We are converts, baptized, 2003, so we haven't met a lot of priests; but of those we have met, Fr. Jeremy is the most holy and charismatic; and we call fo him to be returned to active ministry. David & Marlene Lukenbill
643	Anna Palmer	I love Fr. Leatherby! God Speed and protection!
644	Michelle Mathews	
645	T. T. Anonymous	Father Leatherby needs to be reinstated immediately; the allegations are unfounded and unsubstantiated. It is my understanding that the adult woman recanted her allegations long ago-why then does Fr L continue to be persecuted? There was zero evidence to substantiate the claim from the beginning, and now even the woman herself admits it was a lie. The Leatherby family is well known, as is their wealth. The woman had motive to lie; she was looking for a pay out. Now that she has recanted, there is no reason not to reinstate.
646	Heather Conroy	
647	POLLY REWA	Good holy priests are a blessing to the priesthood and badly needed in our current culture. Please due the right thing and return him to your dioceses . We need more priests like Fr. Leatherby. God bless his holy priesthood.

648	Kathleen Nye	Fr. Leatherby was our pastor. He was removed weeks before my now-husband entered the Church at Easter vigil and just a few months before we were married. It may seem trivial, but we were robbed of our pastor who should have been allowed to be involved in administering these sacraments. Fr. Leatherby was nothing but respectful and transparent with me as a woman. During marriage prep, he left the door wide open during our one-on-one session, out of respect for us both. I have always tried to respect the privacy of this situation, initially trusting that the radio silence was for a just reason. We moved away from the area, but I would always ask my friends if there was any official news-- not gossip, not speculation--any official news. It's taken years to have any sort of official update on this. And it seems the updates now are only being shared because of the exposure and pleas that have been made by Sacramento Catholic laity. At this time when we as a church are so bloodied, hurt, and betrayed by some of our priests and bishops-- by both their actions and their silence-- it seems that now more than ever, it is time to shine the light on this situation. Further, the allegation that Fr. Leatherby has been removed as an attempt to silence those who who have witnessed and sought to expose wrong-doing by priests in our diocese ought to be fully investigated and explained. I hope, but doubt, that those allegations are taken just as seriously as the allegations against Fr. Leatherby.
649	Sara Donnelly	
650	Sara Hunt	
651	Sandy Murphy	
652	Jacob Leatherby	
653	Wendy Arseneau	
654	Suzanne Miller	
655	Teri Kidd	Please return Father Leatherby to his home parish, PBVM quickly. Too long a punishment for him and his parishioners.
656	Christian Simon	
657	Grace hombrado	
658	Cesar Hombrado	
659	Donna Donovan	
660	Juliane Higgitt	
661	Marget Williams	
662	Jose Bejarano	
663	Catherine Dollison	
664	Erin Whaley	
665	Erin Whaley	
666	Joan L Risse	
667	Ryan Matlack	
668	Sharon Harrington	
669	Joan Willard	Fr. Leatherby is one of the holiest Priests I've ever had the privilege of knowing.
670	Kristie cook	
671	Billy Soomann	

672	William Baer	Please reinstate Fr. Leatherby. Can we also start a petition to force Bishop Soto resign?
673	Debbie Prior	
674	Robert Morrison	We miss Fr Leatherby. Please restore him to ministry! God be praised!
675	Ryan George Seeley	<p>As a father of five, I expect my children to generally trust my judgment on family matters without question. Similarly, I'd expect roughly the same from Church faithful regarding episcopal authority over Clerics. But there are exceptions to both, which is why I sign this petition. If I were to punish one of my children without adequate explanation, or under false pretenses " I would hope that their siblings would petition me until I changed my mind. If my actions, purportedly in defense of my family, were disproportionate from what they expected, and in fact caused more damage and scandal than good, I hope my children would have the courage to persist, and I the wisdom to listen. Thus, respectfully, we petition you Bishop Soto through your agent Father Mark, to return Father Leatherby to active ministry, because: 1. Our pastor has been indefinitely removed from us, without adequate explanation. And although a "credible allegation" may justify an short-term suspension pending an investigation, it is incredible to suggest that a mere allegation, no matter how credible, can justify an over two-and-a-half-year suspension. Continued reliance on this one "credible allegation" as the basis for a multi-year suspension, does itself impair your respective credibility with the lay faithful. 2. The initial mis-representation, in writing, made on behalf of the diocese, that Father was absent due to illness, continues to cause the faithful to question diocesan credibility in this matter. As a father, the proper thing to do now (as I do when I make similar mistakes of haste with my children) is to own up to the false statement, and ask for forgiveness. 3. The diocese's response has been disproportionate, even assuming the allegation were later shown to be true. No criminal or civil proceedings were instituted nor referred to civil authorities. This is hopeful, because if this were not true, then it would mean that diocese would be derelict in its duties to protect the innocent, as well as a victim. But, this leaves only the conclusion then, that the diocese has suspended for over two years, a priest who has been "credibly alleged" to have engaged in a consensual but non-licit relationship/encounter with another consenting adult. Are we really meant to believe that this de-facto multi-year sentence is a just and proportional response where there is no alleged civil or criminal behavior ? 4. Father's unexplained suspension is not helping your lay faithful or clerics " it is causing un-necessary scandal and causing many long-time faithful to harden their hearts to your episcopate- though thankfully not to the Church as a whole. As a father myself, although I have a right and duty to mete out correction and protect my family as I see best, when I do so capriciously, without explanation, I hurt my children more than helping them. That is what you are doing to us your flock here. In closing, and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I pray, either substantiate your decision to your flock immediately with credible evidence, not mere credible allegations, or else immediately return Father to active ministry.</p>
676	Joseph DeMarco	
677	Timothy Lorenzo	
678	Juanita Damore	
679	Thomas MUDD	A sham! This is another (YES, ANOTHER) case of a good priest being railroaded to protect the guilt of other priests.
680	Ruth Mudd	
681	Heath Wilson	
682	Charliene Wilson	
683	Elizabeth Durant	God bless our faithful priests!!!

684	Kathy OBrien	
685	Walter Neal	Why is this process moving so slowly?
686	Joseph Mudd	
687	Robert DeVoe	He is a good man and I don't trust what happened to him.
688	Lori	The handling of this situation has harmed the faithful flock, removing a valuable pastor, and causing rumors and poor morale (and not limited to the one parish but many!). Nobody that I have encountered has any trust in the "powers" that are delaying this process, presumed to be the bishop. All believe that this is the unjust punishment of a faithful priest at the hands of a corrupted, liberal diocese... Healing and forgiveness are needed. Please, Bishop, to regain credibility you need to release Fr. Leatherby from his prison, come clean about the protected homosexual priests caught at St. Philomene's, expel them and the other misguided wolves lurking among your flock. There is no more "grey area" in which to hide, trying to please everyone. If you, Bishop Soto, do not stand up to protect us from this diabolical threat then you are assisting the evil attacks on Mother Church. We are all watching and we are all praying for you. The Truth will set you free. Be purified within the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
689	Sarah Glaser	
690	Dorothy Pawloski	This wrong MUST be righted. I will sign anything, go anywhere to stop this wrong.
691	W. D. Anonymous	Please let there be a hearing
692	Victoria	
693	Irene Sutton	
694	Robert	Compared to the sexual abuse by minors this is pitiful. This is normal behavior a man getting involved with a woman if it actually happened get this man back to the priesthood you c***** idiotic hypocritical Pharisees
695	Stephanie	
696	Elizabeth Connor	
697	James Whetstone	
698	P. E. Anonymous	This has taken too long to investigate. Our parish is suffering without Father Leatherby.
699	Anah Whetstone	
700	Mitos Mejica	Dear Bishop Soto, we, God's people have suffered enough we need Fr Jeremy to shepherd us, to lead us, to inspire us that we may find our way back to our Heavenly Father. May the Holy Spirit living in Mary move your heart to reinstate Fr Jeremy back to his priestly duties.
701	Rupert Johnson	GOD BLESS FR. LEATHERBY
702	Terri Johnson	

703	Jordan Ruiz	As a local Business owner I am the employer of over 400 employees and the powers at be hold me accountable for the treatment of my staff. If I was to treat my employees, as Bishop has treated Fr. Jeremy and other faithful priests in our diocese, I would have been sued put in Jail and bankrupt. Additionally all companies cultures mirrors that of its leaders. In my company our customers are the life blood of our financial viability and everyone knows it! So we treat our customers as such. The Faithful of the sacramento diocese are the bishop's customers yet we have not been treated as like we are valuable patrons. Instead he has covered up abuse and allowed his priest to abuse the faithful! We cannot sit quiet any-longer the sleeping giant has awaken. This clergy is not the church! We the faithful are the church and must hold them accountable for their actions. The truth will come out. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; "Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 23:2
704	Beth Afsari	
705	Kari Boston	
706	Ellen villalobos	
707	Emily Osanna	I'd like to share this quote from Padre Pio "Do not let your heart become troubled by the sad spectacle of human injustice. Even this has its value in the face of all else. And it is from this that one day you will see the justice of God rising with unfailling triumph. 34 St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina My husband and I Pray everyday for Father Leatherby. It was so painful to lose him at Presentation. By his example and encouragement our faith grew, and here are some of the fruits of being under his care: we feel in love with Holy Mass, saints became friends, we started going to confession, spending time in adoration, we found a deep peace in our prayer life. Now we are fasting for his return to ministry.
708	Leslea LaGro	This appears to be a very unjust situation. Mercy & justice please.
709	Kristin Daly	
710	Oleksandra Monietova-	
711	Peter Levis	
712	Al Purdy	
713	Daniel Harrigan	Do the right thing here!
714	Gayle Delgado	
715	Maribel	
716	Karim Obagi	
717	Patty obrien	We need good priests.
718	Margie Wenger	He should never have been put on leave in the first place. It was probably related to his sermon on the sin of homosexuality
719	Bernadine Stofanik	In Gods name do the right thing and release Father Leatherby to active ministry immediately.
720	Spencer Roundtree	
721	veronica Belloci	
722	Pat Blocker	
723	Penelope Blocker	
724	Rick Williams	

725	Angela Cox	
726	Tanya Viele	
727	Laura Lumenta	
728	Erlin Weiss	
729	Vincent Durant	
730	Ann Kelly	
731	George Delgado MD	Please be accountable and transparent with regards to the Fr. Leatherby case, Deacon Leatherby's status and the handling of the homosexual abuse and cover-up scandal in the Church.
732	Frank Davey	Bring this wary shepard back to his flock.
733	Rick Taylor	We need Fr. Leatherby in our diocese.
734	Leon Lambert	My strong suggestion is that Fr. Leatherby file civil suit against Soto, Berg, Richards and the Diocese of Sacramento.
735	Steven obrien	
736	Lore Zawkiewicz	
737	Christi Heintz	My family has known Fr. Leatherby since he was a young boy. He grew into a fine, moral man and a very holy priest. I can attest to his outstanding character. We visited him in seminary in Rome and traveled with him as our spiritual guide to Medjugorje, Rome and Israel. With his influence, I have seen people find their faith and men become priests. Restore his ministry, he is a truly holy, blessed and gifted individual and priest.
738	Eva Jauregui	Father Leatherby is a good and holy priest and I personally witnessed his sincerity and true faith as he celebrated the Mass. His faithfulness was apparent to all. I do not know the reason but I believe the diocese has left Father in limbo these past 2.5 years as a means of pressuring him to give up his priesthood where they lacked sufficient evidence to do more. As has been said, the diocese started this with a lie so the credibility of Bishop Soto is diminished from the start. I therefore fear Father will not be provided a fair process. The only remedy is transparency and so I pray that the diocese will recognize past errors and strive sincerely to find truth and grant mercy to all involved. I pray now that the Bishop allow Father to return to his ministry in Sacramento or release him to join another Order or another diocese.
739	Eliana Plimpton	Praying for justice
740	June kertes	Please return Fr. Leatherby to active ministry. I have been praying for him 2 1/2 years.
741	Kim Collins	
742	Todd Schroeder	
743	Susie McEveety	Our family is blessed to call Fr Jeremy a very close friend. His priesthood is who he is. Your diocese is blessed to have him and I pray if you don't know his value that he will move to the Los Angeles diocese where I'm sure Archbishop Gomez would immediately recognize Fr Leatherby's holiness and love for the church.
744	Joanna Bryson	
745	Stephanie Kobos	
746	Lauren OBrien	
747	troy cox	

748	Joseph Henao	
749	SarahCam126	Almost 40 years ago an abusive Bishop with same sex lifestyle railroaded and laicized a very holy priest in the Santa Rosa diocese and ruined his life and many souls were affected by his selfishness. That same diocese went broke settling and paying out claims of sexual abuse. This situation smells the same Bishop Soto. Let this priest resume what God has consecrated him to do. You must repent and resign.
750	Mary Ann Collins	He is a holy man. God be with him.
751	Diane Anderson	
752	Gary Lang	Please re-instate Fr Leatherby. Why would you deprive the Catholic. Faithful of such a holy priest? Thank you
753	Mark Zawkiewicz	I pray that you will stop lying to us and finally tell your flock what is really going on in this matter. We are the church and have equal dignity in the eyes of God. You have no more authority over us in this matter, especially when you stray from the teachings of the one True Holy Catholic Apostolic Church founded by Jesus. Please follow his teachings!!!!
754	Cecilia Z Lopez	
755	Jack Baer	
756	Leti Doral	He has blessed our family. He needs to come back!!
757	Rizza E Underwood	I am looking forward to see Fr. Leatherby raise the Body of Christ.
758	Theresa Tran	Father Leatherby should be returning to the Church and to active ministry
759	Linda Mora	
760	Kirk Doral	
761	Jeanette Ilagan	
762	Linh huynh	God blesses to Fr. Jermy
763	Kathleen Discipulo	Please return Father Jeremy Leatherby to active ministry!
764	Christopher Palileo	
765	Marielle Discipulo	
766	Robert Isaiah Clayton	We love, support & miss Fr. Jer, Jeremy Leatherby. Please restore & return him pastoral ministry. Thank you.
767	R. C. Anonymous	We want to express our support for Fr Leatherby and hope this work important but very drawn out process can come to an end very soon. We miss him so much!
768	Thai Nguyen	He is conservative priest and needs his ministry back.
769	Annabelle Jensen	
770	Thuy Nguyen	
771	Max Ruiz	The gates of hell shall not prevail. Let this man of God go and do the works of God. Many souls miss him many souls need him.
772	Kevin Val Discipulo	
773	Kristine Palileo	
774	Jun ilagan	
775	Thuy Nguyen	

776	DanV	Enough is Enough! The lies keep getting bigger and bigger and the buck stops at the top with those in authoritative positions abusing power and morals. For those reading this Pray, Fast, and the Rosary. The bishop doesn't care so make a difference and take action. Pray, Fast, and Rosary!
777	George wetherill	
778	Petra Perkov	
779	Mike Fry	Repent and resign Bp. Soto.
780	P. K. Anonymous	BRING BACK FR. LEATHERBY TO THE FAITHFUL OF HIS PARISH, YOU HIRELING!
781	Carol Carlson	
782	Kathy Gardiner	
783	Brody Smith	I believe Fr. Jeremy is innocent.
784	Francesco Beltran	As a longtime California resident, I am appalled by the treatment of faithful priests like Father Jeremy. I pledge my support for him!
785	Susan Yerby	
786	Mirande Gazal	Free Father Jeremy Leatherby
787	Mary Schaefer	Father Leatherby has always presented himself as a very diligent and holy priest...release him to continue in his holy ministry!!!!
788	Mike Schaefer	Father Leatherby has always presented himself as a very diligent and holy priest...release him to continue in his holy ministry!!!!
789	Sue Arend	Fr. Leatherby needs to be reinstated so he can minister to his parish. This has gone on long enough. This would never be allowed to happen in the secular world and should not be happening now! What ever happened to innocent until proven guilty. The diocese has offered no proof of guilt. I will not donate one cent to this diocese and haven't since we moved here 2 years ago!
790	Jeanne Lupien	Bishop Soto- Why are you persecuting this holy priest and protecting other priests who are bringing true scandal to our diocese? We will not donate to your PR campaign. Reinstatement Father Leatherby.
791	Jennifer Jones	
792	Christine A Rinaldi	
793	Frederick Bledsoe	
794	Dina Fonda	Bishop Soto, do the right thing.
795	Steven Marks	
796	Arthur Schubert	
797	Rick Schmidt	reinstatement Fr. Jeremy. Soto must resign.
798	alberto	Please justice for Fr. Jeremy
799	Maureen Bland	Reinstatement Fr. Jeremy !
800	Alex Piechocki	
801	James and Rochelle	May God have mercy on your soul if the good Father is not re-instated soon.
802	Dave Parrott	
803	Doris DeVine	
804	Rebecca Diaz-Rodriguez	
805	Frances Betty	

806	Priscilla Gray	Bishop Soto, I advise you to respect this holy priest. You spent years in a den of homosexual activity -- the Diocese of Orange where I resided for 12 years. The fact that you got along there so well -- and now this priest and his father are persecuted-- not looking good.
807	William Brzozowski	
808	Maryanne Santelli	
809	Ann Treacy	Return the good Priest and allow him to do Gods work.
810	Craig Heimbichner	
811	laura Petersen	
812	Melinda Langrainer	
813	Linda ILL	Go after child-abusing sodomites, not faithful priests of God!
814	Lori Mavroidi	
815	Andrea Ortis	
816	FERNANDO GONZALEZ	
817	Sondra McEnroe	
818	Barb Marra	
819	Amanda Peter	What an abuse of power. Sodomite priests are protected and shown "mercy" - a good priest is accused of normal healthy heterosexuality but is not given a hearing- 2.5 years on. He is being suffocated and strangled. What terrible abuse of power!!! The laity can withhold the money!!!! We have power in that to fight back.
820	Stacey Phillips	The Diocese drafted a letter to the parishioners saying that Fr. Leatherby was on absence due to "illness." It is my understanding that this was a lie to the people. If it is, this is not okay nor is this a small thing. This is where the focus of communication to the Diocese should be because this is like the loose thread on an unravelling sweater. Certainly Grandma Leatherby :) and other family members can verify if Fr. Leatherby was indeed healthy and if the letter which the Diocese issued was a lie. Fr. Leatherby supporters should focus on that one issue to start weeding out the lies. Shine light on the Truth. That lie does not involve any personal details of Fr. Leatherby's accusation. The family can repeat the message, "My (grandson) (son) (brother) (nephew) (cousin), Fr. Leatherby, was not ill and the Diocese made a false report lying to all these people that he was." Truth is truth. Keep repeating it along with the prayers. When Shepherds lie to their flock, trust is broken...and that is ultimately bad for everyone. This should not be glossed over in the emotional picture of what's happening to Fr. Jeremy. The Diocese should confirm it was true that he was ill or repent of the cover-up lie. That would be good for the Church. Many prayers and blessings be with faithful Fr. Leatherby. Grant him a speedy hearing, please. And may Truth prevail there!
821	Carolina Cerletti	Most off my family do no believe in the coroption in the Catholic Church. For that reason we do not donated. A penny to the Hippocrats to Start. With the pope. Thank u and all his Accomplices Soto in the rest. I believe I my lord. But not an any off u people ?u want all the good priest out we want them back and I hope bishop Soto can Start Ressaing no donations from my whole family and I tell a lot off people do no donate money. To the Catholic Church better yet give it to the people. Who really need it
822	Rev James C Campbell	

823	Abhulimen Ogun	We the faithful must fight teeth, nails, money, and even physically sometimes -- but most importantly, spiritually by praying the rosary and adoring the Blessed Sacrament -- for the cleansing of our Church
824	Bancha Kiewpong	return Fr.Jeromy to active ministry.
825	Katherine V Urquidi	Fr. Jeremy deserves to be heard.
826	Michael Mustell	
827	Yvette	
828	Catherine Pitt	The corruption has got to end.
829	Jeff Wojcik	You Bishops have to be ashamed of yourselves! STOP COVERING UP FOR YOUR HOMOSEXUAL CLIQUES AND STOP SLANDERING FAITHFUL PRIESTS LIKE FR. LEATHERBY! Let us have him back or you will not see any of our donations ever again.
830	Jean Smith	
831	Dennis Doucette	
832	Kathleen Clapper	As a lay woman, I know that, we need to stand together, for all truth to be revealed. May God bless you.
833	Rob Coopman	
834	H. T. Anonymous	For the Love of our most Dearest Church as those entrusted to guide Her, please expedite a fair and impartial hearing. There is way too much going on in the Church hierarchy right now to continue with shut doors. Act in a way that pleases the Lord as Shepherds of His flock.
835	MONICA SCALPH	
836	Sharon Doucette	
837	Carlos Longoria	
838	Gayle Cimino	
839	Timothy Waters	
840	jasmine florentino	
841	Gary Adrian	Have become a Church that protects the crucifiers of Christ while persecuting those who do his will? Shame on those who persecute the innocent. Return our most needed holy priests.
842	Stephen Pack	Our bishops have zero credibility and have no clue about leadership in Christ. Run along in your ignominy
843	Beth Seif	
844	MARIE MONAST-	
845	Timothy Nagel	
846	Angie Soetaert	
847	Cathy Lins	
848	Thierry Gauthey	
849	Thelma Todak	Jesus have mercy. Amen
850	Genevieve Grandis	

851	B. L. Anonymous	Let him have his day in court. God's people won't stand for this vindictive response on holy priests who are accused of what other priest are actually doing and yet they are protected. God's law doesn't change. ANY sex outside of a marriage between a man and a woman is a sin. It would be good to remember this before you have to stand in judgement before God.
852	Colene Weckman	Clean up the Diocese or NO DONATIONS will be coming!! The Homosexual cesspool needs to be reported to civil authorities and brought into the light of day!! Bishop Soto RESIGN today!! He is not welcome him into our parish churches!
853	Natasha Sonaram	
854	Julie Sabri	
855	Tracey Quigley	For the love of God bring back this faithful priest. Let him preach the Gospel. Seems many other clergy refuse to preach it
856	Tom	
857	Hector Delgado	
858	Roger Salstrom	
859	Patty Fugate	God will raise up warriors to fight for Holy Mother Church. Prepare for battle
860	David Fryxell	
861	Rita McGranahan	Another black eye for the Bishop. Another scandal in the church. Please return this good Priest to his ministry.
862	paul stassinis	
863	Lauren Horne	#repentandresign
864	Dorothy Pawloski	Done
865	Anita Carey	
866	Peter	
867	Mark Sandoval	
868	FrV	
869	MICHAEL DERDOWSKI	
870	Linda Knowles	God knows what you are doing to this courageous man. He should be reinstated. He did the right thing. Are you?
871	Molly	
872	Patrick Harris	Roseville resistance checking in for battle!
873	Jacob Alexander	Disgraceful. Bp. Soto should be ashamed of himself for attacking this faithful priest.
874	Ellen Sweeney	
875	Mary Vandersyde	
876	Darlene Ross	
877	Deborah C Wilkins	
878	Laura McGlinchey	Do the right thing!
879	Bob Fox	Bp. Soto, Please immediately stop the international Catholic church homosexual agenda from doing anymore harm. Turn over ALL evidence to your local police/sheriffs and aid in the investigation and full prosecution of the suspected. Fr Leatherby should be given full rights if he is NOT part of the homoclericalism. Thank you.

880	Jacob Dominic	Not one dollar for you. Resign immediately. You are covering up for sex abusers. You should be investigated by a grand jury
881	Eric Mills	If this allegation was homosexual in nature then there would be no problem, right? Mary, please pray for Holy Mother Church.
882	Fr David M Chiantella	Be on the side of Truth, not popularity.
883	EILEEN STEWART	THE FAITHFUL CATHOLICS ARE FED UP WITH THIS EVIL IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE CHURCH. THEY HAVE NO FAITH OR MORALS. THE SHAME OF BP. SOTO. ITS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY (THE WORLD), THE SAME STORY. ALL THE WAY TO THE POPE. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE DEALING WITH THE MAFIA. THE FILTH COMING OUT ON A DAILY BASIS IS OVERWHELMING!!!! WE NEED TO PRAY FOR WISDOM FROM THE LORD TO FIGHT THIS COLLECTIVELY. THEY THINK THEY ARE ENTRENCHED AND UNTOUCHABLE BUT THEY ARE WRONG. THE LORD WILL NOT ALLOW THIS EVIL IN HIS CHURCH. THEY WILL SHORTLY BE REMOVED PERMANENTLY. DO THE RIGHT THING AND REINSTATE THIS HOLY PRIEST.
884	Dr Nicholas George	
885	Thomas Kostelec	
886	Judy Dufresne	
887	rebecca macias	Reinstate Fr Leatherby
888	Betty Raymark	
889	Ashley rocha	
890	Carl Reed	
891	Cristina Goucher	
892	Shane Bowman	
893	Staci Adair	
894	Christine Tung	
895	Mary Dulac	
896	Joan Burker	Do the right thing and reinstate this priest!
897	Mary Costello	God help them
898	Terry Magyar	
899	Fidelis Ezemenari	Pray that our Blessed Mother Mary may intervene and weed out all these corrupt and unchaste Bishops and Priests and give us holy ones. Meanwhile withhold all financial support. It is the only thing they care about, that gets to them.
900	Steffanie Maynard	
901	Joseph Smith	Drain the homosexual swamp!!!
902	Nick Libby	
903	Antonia Ramirez	
904	Mario A Fragela	
905	Jon Brinck-Lund	
906	Geralyn Evanowski	
907	Susan Stroisch	
908	Cynthia Mazelin	
909	Wendy McMenemy	Keep fighting injustice. The lay people are the ones to save our church and push back on evil Bishops.

910	Kaye petty	No more tithe until entire church THROUGHOUT the world is SCOURED clean including the anti pope francis!!!
911	Chris Benischek	Keep the men. Boot the Sodomfolk. Purify the Church. Our Lady of Fatima & the Immaculate Heart, pray for us!
912	Helen Westover	We are at war - and we support our courageous warriors!
913	D. L. Anonymous	Let the truth be known.
914	Mary Agcaoili	Would be nice to organize a silent vigil in front of the Cathedral to show support for Father Leatherby.
915	Jordan Monroe	Whether Fr. Jeremy is innocent or guilty I don't know. What I do know is the "canonical process" has been overly prolonged, seemingly for no reason. If nothing else this petition may help the matter be addressed.
916	Jonathan Chan	Reinstate a good man, remove those who encourage the dereliction of Mother Church!
917	C. S. Anonymous	God, please help us to see the truth and light!
918	Alex	My family and I live in the Sacramento diocese and attend a parish here.
919	Dennis O'Keefe	
920	Thomas Landry	
921	Judy Gabriel	
922	Taylor Haeling	
923	Brenda Anderson	
924	Harold Gaubert	Return Father Jeremy to his priestly duties now. Two years without due process is not following canonical law and is not treating Father Jeremy or the parishioners in the Diocese of Sacramento fairly. Immediately commence a full investigation of any and all sexual abuses in the Diocese of Sacramento, as well as an investigation of any coverup of sexual abuses in the Diocese of Sacramento. We pray that the truth will surface and that justice will prevail. Our Catholic faith depends on it!
925	Mary S	Do the right thing stand for the truth. It is your duty. Our prayers are with you to do what is right
926	Elsa Schroeder	
927	Dianna Dao	
928	Tiffany Nicole Dorsey	
929	Cheryl Lopez	
930	STELLA LINDA	RE INSTATE FR.LEATHERBY HE IS INNOCENT
931	Laura	
932	Chris Borman	
933	James Moynagh	Fr. Jeremy must be reinstated!
934	Annamarie Condon-Teta	Please return Fr Leathery to active ministry immediately.
935	Merry Deutscher	
936	Carmela Di Pietro	Reinstate Fr Jeremy Leatherby and Bishop Sotoneeds to resign, Now! Evil men such as Soto, leave our Holy Catholic Church!
937	Lawrence Jones	Please do what is right concerning this wonderful Priest and his Father the Deacon.
938	Rhonda Jones	Please do what is right concerning Father Leatherby who is such a valued and holy wonderful Priest and his Father the Deacon.
939	Douglas Coombs	The retaliation needs to end.

940	Rigo Felix	It appears that an injustice has been perpetrated on my favorite priest. What ever happened to procedural due process?Are church officials covering up other things? It's time to come clean. How many black-eyes will the church endure before the wrongs are corrected. This falls directly on the Bishop and I'm no longer contributing to this diocese. Very dissappointed in how this is being handled.
941	K Quirarte	
942	Crystal Mcdonald	
943	Eva Tanner-Klaas	Bishop Soto, You support evil and other perversions by your actions. You protect and defend liars, rapists of children, men and women, murderers, pederast, pedophiles, practicing homosexuals who are in charge of parish families, destroy solid Catholic schools, parishes, and murders of innocent souls, seminarians and the unborn. Pray with Fr. Leatherby and humble yourself before God. Repent, resign and spend your life as a layman with the poorest of poor for reparation and prayer. No authority, no car, no shelter, no possessions, but a rosary and the clothes on your back. Life is short, hell is forever.
944	Glynn Padilla	I did not appreciate the lies our children were told when this first came out. To this day we still do not know the truth. Father Leatherby has always shown so much love and reverence towards God and the Catholic Church.
945	Norman Lobo	
946	Nicole McClanahan	