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### **Charges Against Randall Terry are FALSE – according to Father Mikalajunas, Dr. Rich Buhler, and five other pro-life veterans**

MEDIA ADVISORY, June 12 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- On May 29 and June 6, Mr. Jeff White’s issued press releases condemning Randall Terry for an “unbiblical lawsuit” against Troy Newman because of Mr. Newman’s false registration of the name Operation Rescue with the Trademark office. The press releases failed to make a single point in defense of Troy Newman or offer any justification for his misappropriation of the name, “Operation Rescue.”

Instead, it featured the same old discredited charges (“deceived donors,” “misused funds,” “immoral relationships”) which have been leveled against Mr. Terry some of those who broke with him in the 1990’s (partly over Randall’s continued commitment to non-violence as reported in [1995 by the New York Times](#).)

Seven men, Clergymen and businessmen, have come forward to rebut the false accusations leveled by Jeff White and Troy Newman. They (with one exception) have known Randall Terry for an average of twenty years each; they have stayed with Randall in his home and he in theirs. They are all accomplished, respected, and successful in their fields, and none have an economic or media stake in the ownership of the name, *Operation Rescue*.

What follows are excerpts of each of their statements, dealing with the falsehoods in Mr. White’s press releases.

Their complete statements, with brief bios, are available at [www.operationrescuetheft.com/7statements.pdf](http://www.operationrescuetheft.com/7statements.pdf)

Dr. Rich Buhler, who birthed the idea to raise money for the Terry’s to buy a home, states:

“[The] fund raising project for Randall and his family was my idea. I am the one who approached him about it. He had nothing to do with conceiving it and to my knowledge had

never even thought of it... I am angry and disappointed that this sincere effort on the part of those of us who wanted to support and encourage Randall Terry has been used as a weapon against him.”

Father John Mikalajunas, the Catholic priest who received Randall Terry into the Catholic Church, states:

“I have known Randall longer than all his accusers...Let us remember that it is the Devil, the father of lies, who is the ‘accuser’ of the faithful.

“I am happy to declare as a Catholic priest and a proclaimer of the gospel, that Randall Terry is a Catholic Christian in full communion with the Church, and that the statements and insinuations to the contrary should be devoutly ignored by the faithful.

Attorney Michael Hirsh of Atlanta (an Operation Rescue leader in 1988) states:

“...because Troy Newman was (and is) ecclesiastically untethered, I suggested to Randall that he pursue Christian Mediation to resolve this process. He was immediately and enthusiastically in favor of that. To that end, I called Troy....What Troy said in the press release is simply not true. No, let me clarify: it is a lie. In fact, the exact opposite is the case: Randall has sought mediation repeatedly. Troy has dodged it, avoided it, and rejected every attempt to set up mediation of this dispute. Randall was left with no choice.”

Mr. Rob Shearer, Author, Historian, and Publisher, states:

Randall’s accusers have once again demonstrated their own reckless nature, and a reckless disregard for the truth. As the statements of the seven of us will demonstrate (to those who take the time to read them), their charges are a litany of lies.

Mr. Joseph Costello, Television Host and Chicago Businessman, States:

None of them admit as to why they want the name *Operation Rescue* in their fight against abortion in Wichita. These men could stand on their own merits, but they don't. We have to ask, why? Why don't they just use their own name to fight against abortion? ...The answer is obvious: money. Randall Terry "branded" the name *Operation Rescue*, and it has high name recognition with donors and with media, and these men are profiting from that name.

Rev. Bruce Moore, an Assembly of God Pastor and Operation Rescue veteran states:

Randall has not defrauded donors in any way, as some have accused. It is the thieves of the name Operation Rescue that have defrauded donors. They *falsely* accuse Randall of the very sin they are *actually* committing! Think of how many hundreds of thousands of dollars they have falsely raised by unethically using the name, Operation Rescue!

Archbishop Craig Bates states:

“...there are those who continue to bring charges and accusations against Mr. Terry through the "secular" and "Christian" press, grabbing microphones at rallies, spreading rumors on the

internet, etc. They say they are doing so in love and with a desire for repentance and restoration for Randall. They refuse to accept the fact that repentance and restoration has already happened and has been confirmed by orthodox believing Christian leaders.”

To read the full statement of each man go to: [www.operationrescuetheft.com/7statements.pdf](http://www.operationrescuetheft.com/7statements.pdf)

To schedule an interview with any of these men, call Joseph Landry at (406) 860-9738

**2) Please read the full seven statements of the following men.**

Please note: None of them are on Randall’s payroll; none of them have any financial stake in the outcome of this proceeding; all of them are independent of each other in their work and location; all of them are highly successful and respected in their fields; and NONE of them have a “dog in this fight” except to tell the truth.

The same cannot be said of Mr. Newman and Mr. White and those who have helped perpetrate this fraud.

Following are the full statements of these seven men:

Dr. Rich Buhler, Los Angeles, CA

Father John Mikalajunas, Binghamton, NY

Mr. Michael Hirsh, Esq., Atlanta, GA

Rev. Bruce Moore, Cincinnati, OH

Mr. Rob Shearer, Nashville, TN

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**Full Statement by Dr. Rich Buhler: (1 page)**

There have been numerous occasions now when I have seen Randall Terry criticized for a fund-raising effort that took place on his behalf from 2003 - 2005.

His critics have accused Randall of misrepresenting himself and his needs and unethically or even illegally receiving funds that were used for personal purchases such as for a home for his family.

All of these charges are reckless and untrue, and have been touted by people who either do not know the facts or who have known the facts and have willingly disregarded them.

The 2002 fund raising project for Randall and his family was my idea. I am the one who approached him about it. He had nothing to do with conceiving it and to my knowledge had never even thought of it.

I am very aware that there have been differing opinions about Randall Terry and Operation Rescue. I was haunted, however, by the fact that Randall had truly lost everything in the process of defending the unborn. In being imprisoned, fined, and sued, I felt that he had courageously represented me and others who shared his passion for life. It became my conviction that we should also share in his loss.

I contacted Randall to express my gratitude for what he had endured as well as my feeling that we in the Pro-Life community should help restore what had been taken.

The resulting fund-raising campaign was an act of friendship that was specifically meant to benefit him and his family including the hope of establishing them in a home that would be suitable for their needs.

The document that described this campaign to potential contributors made it clear that the donations were going to benefit Randall Terry and were not tax deductible. There was nothing sinister, underhanded, or hidden about it.

I am angry and disappointed that this sincere effort on the part of those of us who wanted to support and encourage Randall Terry has been used as a weapon against him. It has been clearly and widely communicated that I was the one who originated the campaign and none of those who have criticized it so severely has ever contacted me to confirm my involvement or the facts of the origin and execution of the effort. I'm sorry to say that I interpret that as, at the very least, meaning that they didn't want to check out the facts or, at the very most, meaning that the facts didn't matter to them.

### **Statement by Father John Mikalajunas: (1 page)**

My name is Father John Mikalajunas. I've been a Catholic priest for 39 years. I've known Randall since 1984. Over the years, we've worked on various pro-life ventures, and have been close friends.

I received Randall and Andrea into the Catholic Church on Holy Thursday in Easter of 2006; I aided Randall with his annulment in the Rochester Diocese, and I blessed Randall and Andrea's marriage on December 12, 2006, which fittingly is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Decalogue says, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." I have heard and read the accusations against Randall for years, right up to this present moment.

I am in a unique position; I have known Randall longer than all his accusers, I visited him in jail here in Binghamton before any of them knew him; I walked with Randall and his family through his darkest hours; I have even tried to reason with those who have sought Randall harm – to no avail.

Let us remember that it is the Devil, the father of lies, who is the "accuser" of the faithful.

The vast majority of accusations over the years against Randall have been bearing of false witness against our brother. I have seen the pain this has caused him, and his older children. I have seen the harm it has done to Randall's pro-life apostolate. I have seen Randall weep, but he has striven to forgive his accusers.

Yes, Randall went through a divorce, which was very sad. I was there with him on that journey – even though Randall was not a Catholic at the time. I felt it was my duty as a friend, as well as my call as a Priest to provide all the comfort and counsel and prayer that I could for my brother and friend.

After I joyfully received Randall and Andrea into the Church, the Church annulled Randall's first marriage for sound reasons.

May I also suggest that fellow Christians look at the tone of Randall's accusers; they are merciless, angry, uncharitable, and unchristian. Jesus spoke from the cross, saying "Father forgive them..." Jesus reaches out arms of love and forgiveness to us all. Randall's accusers are judgmental, harsh, and without mercy. Moreover, they reject the wisdom and authority of the Church.

I am happy to declare as a Catholic priest and a proclaimer of the gospel, that Randall Terry is a Catholic Christian in full communion with the Church, and that the statements and insinuations to the contrary should be devoutly ignored by the faithful. I further urge you to pray for Randall, his family, as well as those men who wish him harm. May God open their eyes to the evil they are doing.

### **Statement by Michael Hirsh, Esquire: (2 pages)**

I am Michael Hirsh, an attorney from the Atlanta Georgia area.

I lived in Atlanta for several years and been involved in various pro-life activism efforts in the mid eighties. Early in 1988 some friends and I got together to organize what had come to be called a "rescue" during the upcoming Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. Sometime early in 1988 I met Randall Terry. I had been involved in what we used to call "sit-ins" for several years. As our plans for the Democratic Convention gathered steam and took form, Randall was offering guidance and suggestions.

What happened next, I don't think any of us could have anticipated. At least I didn't. The City of Atlanta decided to crack down harshly on protesters. Ironically, in a city with a rich history of civil disobedience, that brutality caused thousands to come here from around the country. With the hopes of ending legal child killing in my city, I "retired" from my sales and marketing business and began working full time in the prolife movement

Randall had been using the name Operation Rescue in his efforts, in his speeches, and in his writings. While in the formative stages of organizing here in Atlanta, Randall and I had many discussions on how to proceed. He specifically told me that Operation Rescue was his d/b/a . If I wanted to use the name Operation Rescue in the name of my organization, he asked me to use Operation Rescue – Atlanta. Because I believed that there was a benefit to using a name that had become so widely known and the fact that Operation Rescue belonged to Randall Terry, I agreed to proceed as he requested. For about 2 years, I served as the Director of Operation Rescue – Atlanta. In 1990, I left Operation Rescue and Atlanta to go to law school in Virginia.

I have been practicing law now for nearly two decades. Among other things, I have represented proliferators across the country, including some of those "former leaders" who have lent their names to a press release criticizing the Patent and Trademark complaint Randall Terry has filed as being "unbiblical." Ordinarily, it is my position that the ridiculous deserves but one thing – ridicule. I will attempt to address the total lack of foundation for the accusation leveled by these self-styled "former leaders."

First, the Former Leaders assert that Randall Terry have disassociated themselves from Randall Terry long ago because of "his repeated refusal to submit to biblical restoration and oversight." I know this statement to be false. In fact, I am very familiar with the "biblical fashion" of restoration to which the Former Leaders refer. In Presbyterian circles there is very well defined process for handling intramural disputes.

When I became aware of this dispute, Randall and I spoke extensively of the importance of following the direction of Matthew 18 in dealing with Troy. To that end, Randall spoke several times with Troy over an extended period of time asking him to cease using the name "Operation Rescue." Troy rebuffed those entreaties. Following that, Randall solicited the intervention of several witnesses – men of good character, reputation, and character. Again, Troy disregarded the exhortations to cease.

Troy Newman is an ecclesiastical free radical. Indeed, as the last step of the Matthew 18 was upon him – his elders were confronting him on his business dealings as well as his false representation that he was an elder at his church, Troy suddenly resigned from his church.

Second, I would challenge the Former Leaders to provide the information on their own submission to authority. While another obscure pro-life activist has referred to Randall Terry's conversion to Roman Catholicism as being done "conveniently," it reminds me of the times that some of my own critics have accused me of homeschooling my children to "take the easy way out." If I were not laughing so hard, I might have punched them in the nose. As one who has also come into the "One, Holy, Catholic, and

Apostolic Church" (for the Pentecostal reader, that what's called part of the Nicene Creed), I can assure you that it is anything but convenient.

To further the hilarity, this same obscure activist listed the fact that Randall Terry drank beer as chief among the things Randall should repent of. Presbyterians drink beer, Catholics drink beer. In fact, the biggest difference between Pentecostals and Presbyterians is that Presbyterians will say hello to each other in the liquor store. Indeed, if ever there was a man who should have a beer, it would be this obscure activist – as it would make taking his temperature a possibility. But I digress.

Third, there is no greater (or more brilliant) ecclesiastical structure for dealing with "restoration," "reconciliation," and "restitution," that the Former Leaders claim to seek than the Catholic Church. Why have they not gone through the process that they claim to embrace – as Randall Terry has with them? Why have they threatened (and delivered) to engage in a media campaign – and wrapped it in the self-styled righteousness of "we can no longer remain silent" aura? What evidence of following the "biblical fashion" do they offer? All I read in the press release is unsubstantiated accusations and other personal attacks – primarily.

Fourth, because Troy Newman was (and is) ecclesiastically untethered, I suggested to Randall that he pursue Christian Mediation to resolve this process. He was immediately and enthusiastically in favor of that. To that end, I called Troy. While Troy's response expressed willingness to mediate, I was never able to get him to do anything that would allow any movement toward that end. Some weeks later, I had another opportunity to speak with Troy on the phone, again reiterating Randall's desire to submit to mediation. Again, Troy responded affirmatively. Also again, I could not get Troy to do anything that would have actually resulted in a mediation taking place.

When I read in a press release authored by Troy Newman (and then one from Jeff White), that Troy had sought Christian Mediation and that Randall Terry had refused, I was flabbergasted. What Troy said in the press release is simply not true. No, let me clarify: it is a lie. In fact, the exact opposite is the case: Randall was seeking it (through my law office and through others) and Troy Newman would not cooperate with that process any more than he did in the Matthew 18 sequence that Randall Terry attempted to follow numerous times.

As a lawyer it is standard operating procedure to inquire into any witness' motivation behind his testimony. I have nothing to be gained or – for that matter – to be lost with the final disposition of the name Operation Rescue. The Former Leaders have a history, which they have alluded to in their own press release. I do not have first hand knowledge of what ax they might have to grind, but if they have none, they should say so. But if I were examining such a witness, I can say without equivocation, that their status as a Former Leader would be wholly inadequate.

And if their own motivations are as righteous and pristine as they imply, let them follow the biblical pattern that they invoke. And if Troy Newman is as eager for mediation as he states, let him submit to his own church rather than resign his membership when his house of cards starts to tumble.

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### **Statement from Rev. Bruce Moore: (2 pages)**

I am Rev. Bruce Moore. I'm 56 years old; I was licensed to preach in 1977, and ordained in 1979 with the Assemblies of God. I have been pastoring the same church for 20 years in the Dayton Ohio area. I'm writing this to help dispel and put to rest the emails, press releases, rumors, lies and terrible false accusations against our brother, Randall Terry. As you know, most of them have come from Jeff White, Troy Newman, and a handful of people from Wichita and Southern California.

I have known Randall for more than 20 years. We have traveled and ministered together around America, and overseas. But more importantly, over the years, Randall has become one of my closest friends. We've scuba dived together, stayed in each other's homes, prayed together, laughed together, and wept together. I told my wife – "If I ever get in trouble, call Randall. He'll know what to do!"

As you probably know, Randall and his first wife separated in 1999, and subsequently divorced. This was a tragedy, and as anyone who has ever been through a divorce or an annulment will tell you, divorce is horrific.

As Randall's friend, I walked with him through this heartache. Unfortunately, the heartache of Randall's divorce was magnified by a sustained barrage of slanders, half-truths, and outright lies. Worse yet, due to the Internet, those false accusations yet linger, and are being used by the enemy of our souls to hinder Randall's work.

And so, as Randall's friend, and as someone who is intimately aware of the facts – as well as the lies, I will set the record straight.

First, Randall did not commit adultery. Period. The rumors that he did are just that – malicious rumors. In fact, I sat and talked with a "minister" who "censured" Randall, warning him that his words could be falsely construed to paint Randall as an adulterer. He told me (and another pastor present in the room) that he did not believe Randall had ever committed this sin, and that he (the minister) would change his words. Unfortunately, he did not honor his word.

Next, Randall did not abandon his children. In fact, all of his children moved in with him. One by one as they graduated high school, Randall provided them with higher education. The youngest of Randall's

three children just graduated from the University of Miami. To suggest he abandoned them is ludicrous.

Next, Randall's first wife was not left "high and dry" financially, as some have accused. The truth is that Randall's wife kept her half of the marital assets, but Randall lost his entire half to the National Organization of Women and Planned Parenthood.

Also, Randall has not defrauded donors in any way, as some have accused. It is the thieves of the name Operation Rescue that have defrauded donors. They falsely accuse Randall of the very sin they are actually committing! Think of how many hundreds of thousands of dollars they have falsely raised by unethically using the name, Operation Rescue!

The truth is this: Randall Terry was sued repeatedly for his work in Operation Rescue. After years of litigation in several states, the abortionists' attorneys won the fight. They left Randall with nothing. At that time, Christian leaders such as Alan Keyes, Rev. Frank Pavone, myself, and others, began to raise money for Randall and his family to "restore what the enemy took." The money was raised specifically to buy a home, and that was what it was used for. To suggest that this was in any way unethical is foolishness.

Contrary to the myth, Randall did not "leave his wife for another woman." It is true that his wife Andrea worked for Randall's 1998 campaign, along with many other people, but she had moved to Louisiana after Randall lost the election, and before Randall and his former wife separated. They were not in contact, and the simple truth is that Randall's marriage was in a crisis for years – as I and others knew – and no "other woman" was responsible for the dissolution of the marriage. But beyond that, I know Andrea to be a woman of integrity who loves God. To accuse her in this manner is a grave injustice and slander.

Finally, it has been accused that Randall would not submit to church discipline, and has "refused to repent." These accusations, while pious in tone, lack any foundation in reality. Randall is a full member in good standing in the Catholic Church. What do his accusers want? How can he ever please them?

To those with a heart for justice and mercy, I have a word of encouragement: do not believe everything you read on the internet! I am convinced of two things; 1) These false attacks against Randall are often demonic in nature, for Satan is "the accuser of the brethren," and they have the fruit of hindering the work God has called him to. 2) I believe that many of those Christians who have attacked Randall have done so from an economic motive. If Randall is discredited, they might get more of the donor pool of money.

I commend Randall to you for his leadership in the pro-life cause, and encourage you to follow his lead in the battles that lie ahead to stop abortion. I am proud to count him a friend and a brother.

God Bless You,

Pastor Bruce Moore

### **Statement by Rob Shearer: (1 page)**

I first met Randall Terry in July of 1988, speaking at a Baptist Church on the north side of Atlanta, preparing a large group of ordinary, committed Christians to take direct action to halt the murder of innocents. What impressed me then, is what still impresses me. Randall is radically committed to following Jesus. What he preached that night was repentance and the good news of the Gospel. Over the next five years, I participated in several other Operation Rescue events in DC and elsewhere. I was Randall's driver at the second Washington DC OR event. I've been a co-host on his radio show. I've organized speaking engagements for him, planned events with him, debated political strategy and tactics with him, and spoken at events he's organized. While working with Randall, I met Keith Tucci, Pat Mahoney, Bruce Moore, and Flip Benham. I never encountered Troy Newman at any of the OR events I participated in.

Over the years, as I've gotten to know Randall better, it's become clearer and clearer to me that his is a prophetic voice, sounding a trumpet, calling the church to stand firm for the truth, for the ancient paths, and for the Lord. Randall has a keen intellect and a quick wit. He is a natural, gifted leader. God used him to found and lead Operation Rescue – one of the most historically significant movements of the 20th century. That he voluntarily and temporarily stepped aside from the leadership of direct pro-life action speaks of his character and discipline. But even when operational control had passed to others, Randall remained the leader of Operation Rescue. Randall WAS Operation Rescue, Randall IS Operation Rescue, Randall will always BE Operation Rescue. It is who he is. It is who God called him to be.

Randall's accusers have once again demonstrated their own reckless nature, and a reckless disregard for the truth. As the statements of the seven of us will demonstrate (to those who take the time to read them), their charges are a litany of lies.

On another note, as Randall prepared to make the identity theft by Troy Newman public, Flip Benham (Operation Rescue National/Operation Save America) was helpful in that process, providing some of the historical documentation. But unfortunately, even Flip has been a part of spreading lies and half truths about Randall on his web site.

I love Flip Benham, and I admire much of what he has done and the perseverance with which he has pursued the goal of ending abortion. But Flip's actions have caused Randall (and his family) unnecessary pain. One is his continued postings on his web site of the false accusations and vicious defamations of Randall which were made by others over the past ten years. Many, many pro-life leaders have privately appealed to Flip to take them down from his web site and disassociate himself from them. Randall's son appealed to Flip to take them down and personally refuted the charge that Randall ever abandoned the

children. Flip's stubborn refusal has been puzzling and hurtful. Many of us are hoping that when Flip reads Randall's personal account of his spiritual odyssey over the past ten years that he will repent and take down the false accusations.

Lastly, something should be said about Flip's charge that Randall Terry "conveniently joined the Catholic Church." As any convert to Catholicism can tell you, it is far from a convenient process. If you were running from spiritual authority and accountability (as some have charged Randall Terry with doing), joining the Roman Catholic Church is the last thing you'd want to do. Randall and his wife, Andrea both have voluntarily submitted to the authority of the Roman Catholic Church and to the authority of the Pope, the Bishops, and the priests of the Church. They have acknowledged their sins by confession and received absolution. No one should impose on them more than the Church has required. No one COULD impose on them more than the Church has required.

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### **Statement of Mr. Joseph Costello**

My name is Joe Costello. I'm a businessman in the Chicago area. I first met Randall Terry in 1993, and over the years Randall became one of my closest friends, as well as a business associate. I advertised on his radio show, Randall Terry Live, until the day he went off the air.

I have spent much time in Randall's home, and he in mine. I was not with Randall in the big years of Operation Rescue, but I was with Randall throughout the powerful years of his radio show, and the pro-life and political activities he led from 1993 to present.

I frequently traveled with Randall and some of the men who now attack him on various ministry trips. I traveled in Randall's "impeach Clinton tour;" I was with Randall and other pro-life leaders in San Diego in 1996; I was working in Randall's campaign for Congress in 1998; I helped him rebuild in the early 2000s, and helped financially in his campaign in 2006 to name a few areas of my involvement.

Randall is not perfect. Anyone who knows him knows that! He is a sinner like the rest of us. But I also know that the accusations of these men ring hollow, because they are untrue or exaggerated. And I think I know why they want the name Operation Rescue so badly, as my story will show.

I have spent a good deal of time with Jeff White, and some time with Troy Newman. I don't know these men like I know Randall, but I can see their fruit. Here is my perspective on this situation.

I ask any open-minded person to look at this objectively.

Randall has laid out the facts about the history of Operation Rescue; the response of Jeff and Troy is emotional reaction, it does not stay with the issues at hand, which is who owns the right to the name of Operation Rescue.

Randall wrote a comprehensive history of the name Operation Rescue; Jeff and Troy and others responded with hate and anger, and did not answer any of the factual or legal issues involving the name Operation Rescue. They just attacked Randall. Look at their responses – they have all been personal assaults. As a businessman of thirty years, I look at the SPIRIT of things when I do not know who to believe. While the absolute and complete truth in any situation is known only by God, we have to judge more the spirit of the two parties and look at who seems to line up more with what they say this is all about.

If I knew nothing at all about this case, I would take R.T.'s side, because of the viciousness with which Jeff and Troy have responded, and the fact that they did not address any facts. They might use flowery spiritual language, but let's face it, attacking Randall's integrity, marital status, and so forth, has NOTHING to do with the naming rights of Operation Rescue, which is ALL this is about, so let's look at whom is staying with that issue, and that issue alone, and that is clearly Randall.

None of them admit as to why they want the name Operation Rescue in their fight against abortion in Wichita. These men could stand on their own merits, but they don't. The irony here is that these are two capable men, they are not "Randall Terrys" as it relates to giftedness in this particular area, but they are both formidable.

We have to ask, why? Why don't they just use their own name to fight against abortion? It is really as simple as this notion alone.

The answer is obvious: money. Randall Terry "branded" the name Operation Rescue, and it has high name recognition with donors and with media, and these men are profiting from that name.

No one needs the name Operation Rescue to fight George Tiller, or any abortionist for that matter. What Troy and Jeff want is the money and the news coverage that comes from the name Operation Rescue, a name which Randall Terry made famous.

To those of us on the outside of this fight, I ask you to read all of the documents Randall has produced, and then read all of the documents Jeff White and Troy Newman have produced. Look at the facts... those are fairly clear. But more than that: look at the spirit of all of these men. Look at Randall's demeanor, and then look at the angry demeanor of those sending out press releases and emails against Randall; who are trying to take the name Operation Rescue.

The history of Operation Rescue is with Randall. The spirit of Operation Rescue is with Randall. And without Randall, not a single one of the men or women who are attacking Randall and trying to take the name Operation Rescue, would even be able to attempt to do so without Randall's efforts and calling from God in the formation of Operation Rescue. Let them fight abortion with their own name and on

their own merits. If they are doing a good work, it will go well for them. If not, they will fail. If what they are doing is from God, they do not need to take the branding that another man made famous. My hope is Jeff and Troy will see the obvious truth, use Operation Rescue West (a simple, obvious, nothing to lose scenario), and in doing so, I hope for their success in fighting the taking of innocent lives, as I know we are on the same page there.

## **Full Statement of The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates**

To the Church of God in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My name is Craig William Bates. I am the Bishop of the Northeast Diocese of the Charismatic Episcopal Church and have been since November 14, 1997. I am also the Senior Pastor of the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, New York and have been since November 1, 1990. Prior to that I served as the Associate Pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church from 1985 to 1990 and Senior Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Fitchburg, Massachusetts from 1980 to 1985. Before entering full time ministry I worked with the Department of Mental Health and Division of Drug Rehabilitation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester State Hospital, and the Chandler St. Center Out-Patient Drug Rehabilitation Center in various capacities both Clinical and Administrative.

My area of specialty as a clinician was and continues to be Family and Marital Counseling. I hold a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Franconia College, a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology from Anna Maria College and a Masters of Divinity Degree from the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church. I am presently on the Board of Directors of the Greater New York Concerts of Prayer, and have been involved at various levels with numerous evangelical ministries in the New York Metropolitan Area. I have been Randall Terry's Bishop from 1999 to the present. [This letter was written in 2003. Randall became Catholic in 2006]

On December 4, 1999, during a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, I received Mr. Terry into the Charismatic Episcopal Church at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, New York. Mr. Terry has since that time been a member in good standing in the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

At the time of Mr. Terry's reception into the Charismatic Episcopal Church, I was aware that he had severed a long-term fellowship with Landmark Church, an independent Christian Fellowship. I was also aware, through Priests in the CEC, that his leaving was a result of his own spiritual journey and significant personal and pastoral disagreements with the eldership of Landmark Church, particularly the Senior Pastor. Mr. Terry terminated his relationship with Landmark Church in writing in August of 1999.

Well after that date, charges were brought against Mr. Terry to the eldership of that Church. These charges resulted in Landmark Church presenting a public censure of Mr. Terry.

After Mr. Terry was received into the CEC, I contacted his former pastor requesting information regarding the censure. He responded by sending a copy of the censure along with supporting documentation, including letters between various parties. He also sent me a copy of a letter written by four prominent pastors (one a Priest in the CEC) who disagreed with the findings of the eldership of Landmark and particularly the behavior of the senior pastor. The senior pastor included a rebuttal to this letter.

With the advice and counsel of five priests and two deacons in the CEC, along with consultation with other clergy aware of Mr. Terry and the censure, I concluded that the censure was not valid or binding, since at the time of the censure Mr. Terry was no longer a member of that independent Christian Fellowship, nor under the pastoral care of the senior pastor.

There was no Biblical or ecclesiastical authority for the pastor or elders of Landmark Church to issue a censure against a person who is not a member of their community.

I also reviewed, along with other Christian leaders, the charges brought against Mr. Terry and found that there were no grounds for a censure in the Charismatic Episcopal Church of which he is now a member and communicant in good standing. Certain "charges" brought against him, rather than being grounds for punitive action and discipline, were situations that required sensitive pastoral care and counseling.

The majority of the charges brought against Mr. Terry were "questionable" i.e., without any real evidence. There was no evidence of sexual immorality. There was no evidence of any illegal behavior. There were no un-Christian liberties taken. There was no indication that Mr. Terry threatened to bring any legal action against a member of the Body of Christ at Landmark Church.

To Mr. Terry's credit, after leaving Landmark church, (and while he was meeting privately with me and another CEC priest) he met with the board of Landmark Church and submitted to a process to which he was not required in an effort to bring about reconciliation. Instead of reconciliation, he was wrongly censured. Worse yet, this has opened and continues to open the door to public accusations against Mr. Terry.

When Mr. Terry came to see me the first time, I was well aware that his marriage was in serious trouble and that there was a strong possibility that the marriage would end in divorce. At the time, Mr. Terry informed me that he was in counseling both individual and marriage. But even with the counseling things seemed to be deteriorating. That sad fact is that the marriage did end in divorce and the breakup of the marriage.

Mr. Terry submitted completely to the direction that I gave him. He took a sabbatical from all ministries and only after an extended period of time did he take some preaching engagements. He refrained, after being directed to take a sabbatical, from all political activity. He remained silent in the press in spite of constant and continual false accusations made against him by others. These accusations were published on various Websites, through email, and even in the press.

Confidential and very personal information was shared with the press causing hurt not only to Mr. Terry but members of the family. In spite of this, Mr. Terry remained silent and focused rather on the issues confronting his marriage and family.

I must point out that the breaking of a confidence by Ministers or Priests violates all professional and pastoral ethical standards. In all mainline Protestant and Catholic Christian communities, breach of confidence is grounds for removal from ministry, and with some communions, even the excommunication of the cleric. Likewise, if a doctor, or a lawyer breaks confidence, they can lose their license.

People have accused Mr. Terry of adultery or other sexually immoral behavior. I have seen no evidence. Any "supposed" evidence I have seen is based on "hear say" or innuendo, with nothing to back up the claims. It is false to assert that Mr. Terry "left his wife for a younger woman." The accusation that Mr. Terry committed adultery on his first wife is false.

There are accusations that he has abandoned his children. It is not true! Mr. Terry assures me, as do the legal and financial professionals that oversee such matters for him and his family, that he has met every financial obligation with his children. Furthermore, his children have lived with him ½ the time since his separation in August of 1999. I have been with his children on numerous occasions. I am not aware of any charge by any member of the family that Mr. Terry has not met his financial obligations to his children. I have had over the three years many conversations with his children and not one of the children has accused Mr. Terry of abandoning them, or not supporting them spiritually, emotionally, and financially. I have the witness of others that this is the truth.

Another false accusation says that Mr. Terry lost his financial resources because of his divorce, not because of the multiple lawsuits brought against him by Planned Parenthood, NOW and others. Mr. Terry's legal representatives assure us that he was left in a serious financial crisis because of the lawsuits. There are accusations that Mr. Terry left his ex-wife without any financial resources. Again, lawyers and others with professional responsibility and moral accountability for these matters inform us that this is not true!

Some accuse Mr. Terry of not submitting to spiritual authority when in fact he has and continues to be active in a Church and submitted to Priests and to a Bishop in the CEC. They accuse Mr. Terry of being "un-repentant". Mr. Terry has received the sacraments of the Church and has listened to the advice and counsel of clergy and professional counselors. To say Mr. Terry is un-repentant is false. He has confessed, repented, received absolution and has been restored by the Church of which he is a now a member, and has been a member since 1999.

There are some who believe they have a right to know every detail of the Terry divorce. There are others who would say, "Well, if Randall did not commit adultery, what went wrong?" The marriage of two people is by its very nature sacred and private. The details of one's marriage or the break up of that marriage are also both sacred and private. This is the reason that persons have priests, pastors, and counselors with whom to work out difficult and personally painful situations.

Though the divorce and remarriage of Mr. Terry is a matter of public record and because he is a public figure the public has the right to know, the personal details of the divorce and remarriage should remain confidential to protect innocent parties. To make those details public in the media is merely tabloid press.

As stated above, Mr. Terry's marriage ended in divorce. The details of his marriage and divorce, as well as any counseling are privileged and confidential and should always remain so. The marriage tribunal of the Diocese of the Northeast of the Charismatic Episcopal Church after reviewing the circumstances of the Terry marriage and numerous documents, testimonies of individuals and clergy, and other professional records concluded that the Terry marriage was irreconcilable and the marriage was dissolved legally. They granted permission to Mr. Terry to re-marry and he has done so. Mr. Terry and his new wife submitted to substantial pre-marital counseling. The second marriage was conducted in accordance with the Canons of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

After Mr. Terry submitted to counsel, advice, and the sacraments of the Church and completed a one-year sabbatical from ministry, he has ministered in my Church and in various Churches around my Diocese and the nation. His ministry has always been one of mercy, grace, and a proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

I am not sure what the accusers are attempting to accomplish by continuing to make accusations. The ministry of the Church is restoration and reconciliation. The Gospel is that though "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3.23), "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5.8) Mr. Terry has never denied his sinfulness, the tragedy of divorce and the consequences of his actions, nor his need for repentance and restoration. He embraced a rather vigorous process of counsel. The ministry of the Gospel continues to be based in 2 Corinthians 5.18-19, "Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."

In spite of the truths I have told you, there are those who continue to bring charges and accusations against Mr. Terry through the "secular" and "Christian" press, grabbing microphones at rallies, spreading rumors on the internet, etc. They say they are doing so in love and with a desire for repentance and restoration for Randall. They refuse to accept the fact that repentance and restoration has already happened and has been confirmed by orthodox believing Christian leaders. The question remains open as to what the accusers of this brother hope to accomplish.

As I have already stated, Mr. Terry submitted to a one year sabbatical during which time he received extensive professional counseling and spiritual direction. For the past two years, he has kept a very low-key public profile and concentrated on personal and spiritual matters. Mr. Terry has continued to support his children financially, spiritually, and emotionally.

It is my hope and prayer that Christians of good will in every stream of Christianity will trust the judgment of those Randall has submitted to, and receive him as a brother. I pray that the rumormongering will stop, and that if you hear rumors, you will ignore or discount them, and not participate in them. Furthermore, I would heartily encourage those who are at work in the pro-life movement and other sections of the "culture wars" to not discard Mr. Terry on the basis of his personal journey. His voice, his leadership, and his experience are invaluable at this time in our history. I am one man among many who believe that Randall's best days of service to Christ and our nation are ahead of him, not behind him.

The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates,

Bishop, Northeast Diocese of the Charismatic Episcopal Church

[Currently the Patriarch of the C.E.C.]

### **3) Samples of the deceitful press statements released against Mr. Terry by his adversaries in the "Cannibals for Christ."**

## **Operation Rescue Board of Advisors and Supporters News Release**

**Randall Terry links arms with Planned Parenthood, George Tiller and the abortion industry as he attempts to shut down Troy Newman and Operation Rescue.**

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MEDIA ADVISORY, June 6 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- Statement of Operation Rescue Board and Supporters:

"The advisors and supporters of Operation Rescue stand behind the powerful and effective job they are doing in bringing an end to the senseless killing of innocent children through abortion. We are seeing the fruits of their dedicated labor as they work to end the barbaric practice of America's most notorious abortionist George Tiller.

We have full confidence the court will uphold the United States government's decision to give the trademark of Operation Rescue to Troy Newman. It is with a deep sense of regret that we are witnessing Randall Terry bring this unbiblical and unmerited lawsuit against Mr. Newman and Operation Rescue. Sadly, Mr. Terry is wasting thousands of pro-life dollars to fight against an organization that has worked so diligently to honor Christ and end abortion.

We can only hope and pray Mr. Terry will return back to the sacred calling of 'rescuing those who have been unjustly sentenced to death' instead of pursuing his failed attempts to become a country and western singer, radio talk show host, politician and Islamic scholar.

It's both tragic and ironic that Randall Terry has now linked arms with Planned Parenthood, George Tiller and the abortion industry as he attempts to shut down the life saving efforts of Operation Rescue and Troy Newman."

This will be the only public statement issued on behalf of Mr. Newman and Operation Rescue concerning Randall Terry's unbiblical lawsuit.

## **Statement Concerning Randall Terry's Wichita Press Conference Today Attacking Troy Newman**

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WICHITA, Kansas, June 6 /[Christian Newswire](http://ChristianNewswire.com)/ -- Operation Rescue has released the following statement:

Randall Terry is attempting to make a tempest in a teapot. We will not argue our legal case in the court of public opinion. We are confident that we will prevail against this harassment suit at trial.

The former Operation Rescue leadership team has already spoken concerning Mr. Terry's unbiblical lawsuit. ([Click here to read.](#))

As for Mr. Terry's smear campaign against Troy Newman's character, the fruit of his 15 years of full-time Christian ministry speaks for itself. We will not dignify Mr. Terry's baseless allegations with a response, but instead will remain focused on the original intent of Operation Rescue: saving babies from death and closing abortion clinics.

Members of the media are invited to tour Operation Rescue's newly remodeled National Headquarters, which features a recently completed memorial to the pre-born, at 3013 East Central, in Wichita, KS, (the site of the [former Central Women's Services abortion clinic](#)), from 12:00-1:00 PM today, June 6, 2008.

## **Former National Operation Rescue Leaders Publicly Support Operation Rescue Director Troy Newman After Randall Terry Files Unbiblical Lawsuit**

Contact: Jeff White, Former National Tactical Director, Operation Rescue, 909-744-4479

MEDIA ADVISORY, May 29 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- The men and women listed below were prominent national leaders of Operation Rescue during the period of Randall Terry's involvement in the organization.

They are stunned and angered by Mr. Terry's public attacks against the excellent work of Troy Newman and Operation Rescue in Wichita, Kansas, especially in the face of Mr. Terry abandoning Operation Rescue leadership over 15 years ago.

They felt Mr. Terry's vindictive and unchristian actions along with the harmful impact on the great work of Operation Rescue demanded this strong public response.

The former leaders have long disassociated from Randall Terry after his repeated refusal to submit to biblical restoration and oversight and Mr. Terry's continued negative lifestyle choices. These leaders can no longer work with Mr. Terry on any public projects.

Some of Mr. Terry's unbiblical lifestyle decisions include:

Misstatements and deception to donors about his financial situation.

Misuse and lack of accountability with respect to hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from the pro-life community.

Improper and immoral relationships.

The Operation Rescue leaders are praying that Randall Terry repents and seeks God's help for spiritual restoration, healing of shattered and broken relationships and restitution of all ill-gained funds. They are also willing to sit down with Mr. Terry and other Christian leaders, in a biblical fashion, for prayer and to discuss their concerns.

Jeff White, former National Tactical Director with Operation Rescue, states, "It is with grief and brokenness that we send out this statement. For years, many have prayed and counseled with our brother Randall Terry as he continued in a sinful and manipulative lifestyle. Sadly, he has rejected all counsel and guidance from many Operation Rescue national leaders and chose a self-centered life narrative.

"Throughout this time, we have chosen to remain silent in hopes that somehow Randall would find his internal spiritual bearings and return back to a life of integrity and purpose. However, this is not the case.

"We now feel compelled to speak up because Randall's actions are hurting the work of Troy Newman and Operation Rescue in their efforts to see George Tiller end his barbaric abortion practices in Wichita, Kansas. Additionally, we can no longer remain silent while Mr. Terry continues to fleece unsuspecting pro-life people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars for his personal and selfish gain."

A partial list of the Operation Rescue leaders who, with great sadness, have signed this statement include:

Rev. Keith Tucci, former National Director  
Rev. Joseph Foreman, former acting National Director  
Rev. Patrick Mahoney, former National Media Director  
Jeff White, former National Tactical Director  
Susan Peters, former National Spokesperson  
Ken Reed, former Regional Director  
Katie Mahoney, former Spokesperson  
Rev. Joseph Slovenec, former national leadership team  
Cheryl Conrad, former regional leader

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