

May 29, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Richard Minson, I was a member of the New Mount Carmel Monastery for two weeks from Feb 16th, 2020 to Mar 1st, 2020. I have read the report for the Bishop of Cheyenne written by Augustine Inferrera. While I did not experience everything Augustine mentions in his report, many of the accounts he relates are familiar to me. Below I list all the parts of Augustine's report, as recounted in the Supplement, that I have encountered personally either as reported or similar:

**Part A:**

I agree with Part A-2) False Advertising and Deceit.

I agree with Part A-3) Lack of Proper Formation.

I agree with Part A-4) Lack of Prayer Life.

I agree with Part A-5) Warped Obedience.

I agree with Part A-6) Tattle-Telling and Breach of Confidence.

I agree with Part A-7) Backward Priorities, Exaltation of the Body Not the Soul.

I agree with Part A-8) Overly Affectionate Monks.

**Part B:**

I agree with Part B-2) Verbal and Emotional Abuse

I agree with Part B-3) Disparaging of Former Monks.

I agree with Part B-4) Solitary Nun Associating with Monks.

**Part C:**

I agree with Part C-1) Naked Monks.

I agree with Part C-2) Spiritual Direction in Underwear.

I agree with Part C-3) Disrobing for Work and Other Underwear Practices.

I agree with Part C-4) Inappropriate Chastity Talk.

I agree with Part C-5) Buff Monks and Prior's Comments about Body.

**Part D:**

I agree with Part D-1) Working to Exhaustion and Sleep Deprivation.

I agree with Part D-2) Little or No Private Time.

I agree with Part D-3) Criticism and Self-Criticism.

I agree with Part D-4) "Love Bombing" or Overly Affectionate.

I agree with Part D-5) Lack of Transparency, Secrets Kept from Family.

I agree with Part D-6) Don't ask Questions or Complain.

I agree with Part D-8) Monks with Guns.

**Conclusion:**

I agree with the Overall Conclusion of Augustine Infrerra. The New Mount Carmel Monastery is Not Safe.

All other parts that are not mentioned, I left them out due to my lack of knowledge or experience in that area.

I also wish to add that I am confident in the need to report the abuses of this monastery to the Bishop of Cheyenne. I have been the victim of abuse from another religious community in addition to this one; I recognize the dire need to address the abuses at the Monastery immediately.

Sincerely,  
Richard Minson

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