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Grassroots Organization of Catholics Formed to Support Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone; SFCatholics.org launches website

San Francisco, CA – In the wake of an unprecedented public attack on San Francisco Catholic Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone by a group of individuals who paid for a newspaper ad demanding that Pope Francis remove Archbishop Cordileone from his post, a grassroots movement has formed to defend the Archbishop and show support for his efforts to ensure that teachers in Catholic schools remain faithful to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. They have launched a website, SFCatholics.org, to demonstrate support for Archbishop Cordileone.

“It’s truly astonishing that a group of self-proclaimed ‘prominent Catholics’ has become so self-absorbed that they believe they can demand that the Holy Father remove an Archbishop because he refuses to sacrifice teaching Catholic values to children in our Catholic schools,” said Eva Muntean, who has organized the group SFCatholics.org. “These are Catholic schools, built by the Catholic Church, funded and subsidized by the contributions of ordinary Catholics giving their pennies from the pews over the generations, and we have a right to expect when we send our children to Catholic schools, they will be taught vibrant authentic Catholicism. We stand with Archbishop Cordileone and support his leadership.”

Muntean said that thousands of Catholics have already signed grassroots petitions in support of Archbishop Cordileone and that SFCatholics.org will work with those individuals to launch a public communications campaign in support of the Archbishop. SFCatholics.org is an independent grassroots organization and has no affiliation with the Archdiocese of San Francisco or with Archbishop Cordileone.

“The newspaper ad is a slur on a good and decent man who has devoted his life in service to others. It grossly misrepresents the position of the Archbishop on critical issues, attempting to suggest that he is at odds with Pope Francis. He is not,” Muntean said. “Both Pope Francis and Archbishop Cordileone believe in the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage, life, and human sexuality. In fact, just a few months ago the Archbishop attended the Humanum event in Rome sponsored by the Vatican in which Pope Francis addressed leaders of the world’s religions on the importance of preserving marriage and the universal truth of the complementarity of man and woman in marriage. These two Catholic leaders are on the same page.”

Muntean said that SFCatholics.org has planned a family picnic event on May 16th in Little Marina Green to show support for Archbishop Cordileone.

“Some people may disagree with the teaching of the Catholic Church on sensitive subjects, but nobody should question the motivations or integrity of an Archbishop who simply wishes to ensure that children who attend Catholic schools receive an authentically Catholic education,” Muntean said.