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## Gallup Bishop investigates his priests

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It's interesting to note that the newly-installed Bishop James Wall of the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico is undertaking a **full background check** of his 400 priests and intends to release the findings in the fall.

It's unclear whether Bishop Wall himself will subject himself to a background check. Since only "active" priests in the diocese will be investigated, apparently the strange case of Bishop Wall's predecessor, Bishop Donald Pelotte, will not be investigated.

**My recent NCR article** on "improving the bishop-priest relationship" did not include the use of a forensic background check of priests by their new bishop. Maybe I should have included that technique.

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