

## Judge delays unsealing of Legion of Christ records

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*National Catholic Reporter* is one of four media outlets that asked Silverstein to unseal the documents. The *Providence Journal* of Providence, R.I., *The New York Times*, and the Associated Press are the others.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) ? A Rhode Island judge has agreed to delay the release of records related to the Legion of Christ to give the Roman Catholic order time to appeal his ruling that unsealed the documents.

Superior Court Judge Michael Silverstein on Friday agreed to give the Legion until Feb. 15 to ask the state Supreme Court to intervene. The documents are from a lawsuit contesting the will of a woman who left the Legion \$60 million.

Silverstein ruled Wednesday that the documents should be unsealed, despite the Legion's concerns that they could taint a future jury.

The Associated Press and other media organizations asked Silverstein to unseal the documents.

The Vatican took over the Legion in 2010 after determining its late founder had molested seminarians and fathered multiple children.  
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