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The Promoter of Justice of the Vatican State Tribunal, by measures dated 16 and 17 September, requested the indictment respectively of Don Gabriele Martinelli, on charges of sexual abuse that would have occurred in the Saint Pius X Preseminary in years prior to 2012, and Don Enrico Radice, rector of the Preseminary at the time of the alleged events, on charges of aiding and abetting.

The investigation began in November 2017 following reports in the press. Despite the fact that the alleged events date back to years in which the law in force at the time prevented the trial in the absence of a lawsuit by the injured party filed within a year of the events in question, the indictment is made possible by virtue of a special provision by the Holy Father of 29 July last, which removed the cause of inadmissibility.