

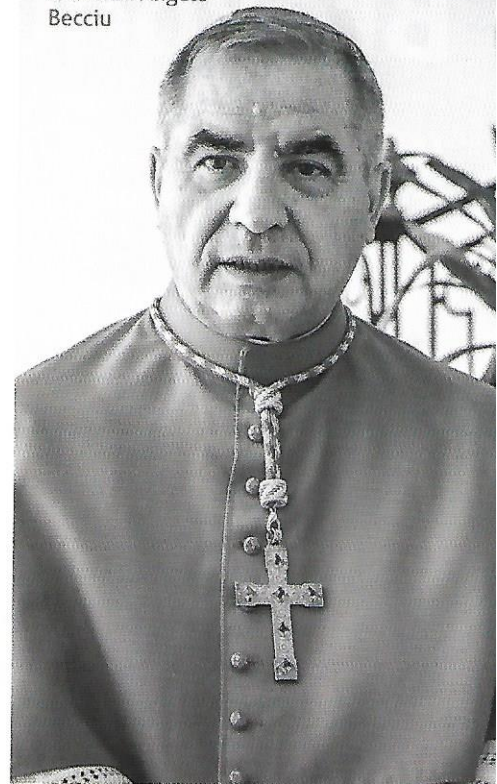
She contends that<sup>122</sup> the charges she ran up<sup>123</sup> were simply reimbursement<sup>124</sup> of her intelligence-related expenses<sup>125</sup>. She claims that the money which she is alleged to have<sup>126</sup> spent on buying her own luxury items was her compensation for<sup>127</sup> her work. Some of the other accused, including London-based broker Gianluigi Torzi, call the allegations<sup>128</sup> "a misunderstanding<sup>129</sup>."

Perhaps ironically, the very<sup>130</sup> man who relieved Becciu of his duties<sup>131</sup> after the investigation's revelations has said that he hopes Becciu is found not guilty. "I hope with all my heart that he is innocent<sup>132</sup>. Besides<sup>133</sup>, he was a collaborator<sup>134</sup> of mine and helped me a lot," Pope Francis, who removed Becciu from<sup>135</sup> his rights as a cardinal, told Spanish radio station COPE in an interview in late August of this year. "I am not afraid of transparency<sup>136</sup> or the truth. Sometimes it hurts, and a lot, but the truth is what sets us free<sup>137</sup>," the Pope said when asked about corruption<sup>138</sup> at the Vatican. However, he did not exactly downplay<sup>139</sup> the possibility that some serious misdeeds<sup>140</sup> had taken place. "In this case, obviously, at least at first sight<sup>141</sup>, it seems that, yes, there is corruption," he told journalist Carlos Herrera.

## Future Possibilities

Although the trial began in late July, it could drag on<sup>142</sup> for several months. This is due to<sup>143</sup> both the huge amount of evidence<sup>144</sup> that has been collected and must be examined<sup>145</sup>, and also because of procedural<sup>146</sup> matters of the court – two hearings<sup>147</sup> were adjourned<sup>148</sup> until later in the autumn. If accused, the defendants could face jail terms<sup>149</sup>, might have to pay fines<sup>150</sup> or both. Should we expect to see Mr. Becciu imprisoned<sup>151</sup> in the Vatican jail? Well, many who are critical of the Church lament<sup>152</sup> the lack of thorough<sup>153</sup> prosecution of priests accused of abusing minors<sup>154</sup> in the past – an Associated Press study<sup>155</sup> in the US reported that over 1,700 former priests (who the Catholic church itself found to be credibly<sup>156</sup> accused of abuse) were not successfully prosecuted. They allegedly committed the crimes while they were part of the church, which protected them from criminal prosecution; today, years later, the statute of limitations<sup>157</sup> in the US prevents many of them from facing trial. The Becciu trial has no such limitations. Besides, Giuseppe Pignatone, the judge presiding over<sup>158</sup> the trial, is a former Rome chief<sup>159</sup> prosecutor who has investigated the Mafia in Sicily<sup>160</sup> for criminal

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economic activity, resulting in<sup>161</sup> numerous<sup>162</sup> convictions<sup>163</sup>. Doubters<sup>164</sup> should, perhaps, hold out hope<sup>165</sup> that if found guilty, these alleged embezzlers will indeed have to pay the piper<sup>166</sup>. ■

<sup>122</sup> to contend that... *ta kən'tend ðæt przyznać, że...*

<sup>123</sup> to run up X charges *ta rən ʌp 'tʃɔ:dʒz tu: wystawić X rachunków do opłacenia*

<sup>124</sup> reimbursement *ri:ɪm'bɑ:smənt zwrot (kosztów)*

<sup>125</sup> expenses *ik'spensz wydatki*

<sup>126</sup> to be alleged to have done sth *ta bi ə'ledʒd tə həv dən 'sʌmθɪŋ rzekomo coś zrobić*

<sup>127</sup> compensation for sth *kəmpen'seɪʃn fə(r) 'sʌmθɪŋ wynagrodzenie za coś*

<sup>128</sup> allegation *ælə'geɪʃn domniemanie, oskarżenie*

<sup>129</sup> misunderstanding *misʌndə'steɪndɪŋ nieporozumienie*

<sup>130</sup> the very X *ðə 'veri X sam w sobie, sam X (np. sam szczyt)*

<sup>131</sup> to relieve sb of duty *ta ri:'li:v 'sʌmbədi əv 'dju:ti zwolnić kogoś ze służby, odsunąć od (pełnienia) obowiązków*

<sup>132</sup> innocent *ɪnəsnt niewinny*

<sup>133</sup> besides,... *bɪ'saɪdz poza tym, a oprócz tego,...*

<sup>134</sup> collaborator *kə'læbəreɪtə(r) współpracownik*

<sup>135</sup> to remove sb from sth *ta ri:'mu:v 'sʌmbədi frəm 'sʌmθɪŋ usunąć kogoś z czegoś*

<sup>136</sup> transparency *træns'pæərənsi przejrzystość*

<sup>137</sup> to set sb free *ta set 'sʌmbədi frɪ: uwolnić kogoś*

<sup>138</sup> corruption *kə'rʌpʃn zepsucie, korupcja*

<sup>139</sup> to downplay sth *ta 'daʊn'pleɪ 'sʌmθɪŋ zbagatelizować coś, umniejszyć znaczenie czegoś*

<sup>140</sup> misdeed *'mɪs'di:d występki, zły uczynek*

<sup>141</sup> at first sight *ət 'fɜ:st saɪt na pierwszy rzut oka*

<sup>142</sup> to drag on *ta dræg ɒn przeciągać się, przedłużać*

<sup>143</sup> due to sth *dju: tə 'sʌmθɪŋ z powodu czegoś, przez coś*

<sup>144</sup> evidence *'eɪdəns dowód, dowody*

<sup>145</sup> to examine sth *tu ɪg'zæmɪn 'sʌmθɪŋ z/badać*

<sup>146</sup> procedural *prə'sɪdʒərəl procesowy, proceduralny*

<sup>147</sup> hearing *'hiəriŋ przesłuchanie, posiedzenie*

<sup>148</sup> to adjourn sth *tu ədʒɜ:n 'sʌmθɪŋ odroczyć coś, ogłosić przerwę (w postępowaniu, procesie)*

<sup>149</sup> jail term *dʒeɪl tɜ:m okres odsiadki, kara pozbawienia wolności*

<sup>150</sup> to pay a fine *ta peɪ ə faɪn zapłacić grzywnę*

<sup>151</sup> to imprison sb *tu ɪm'prɪzn 'sʌmbədi uwięzić kogoś*

<sup>152</sup> to lament sth *ta lə'ment 'sʌmθɪŋ ubolewać nad czymś, biadać*

<sup>153</sup> thorough *'θɜ:rə dokładny, dogłębny*

<sup>154</sup> minor *'maɪnə(r) nieletni*

<sup>155</sup> study *'stʌdi badanie*

<sup>156</sup> credibly *'kredəbli w wiarygodny sposób*

<sup>157</sup> the statute of limitations *ðə 'stætju:t əv 'lɪmɪ'teɪʃnz okres przedawnienia*

<sup>158</sup> to preside over sth *ta prɪ'zʌɪd 'əʊvə(r) 'sʌmθɪŋ przewodniczyć czemuś (np. zebraniu)*

<sup>159</sup> chief *tʃi:f główny*

<sup>160</sup> Sicily *'sɪsɪli Sycylia*

<sup>161</sup> to result in sth *ta rɪ'zʌlt ɪn 'sʌmθɪŋ skutkować czymś, zakończyć się czymś*

<sup>162</sup> numerous *'nju:mərəs liczny*

<sup>163</sup> conviction *kən'vɪkʃn skazanie, wyrok*

<sup>164</sup> doubter *daʊtə(r) wątpiący, niedowiarek*

<sup>165</sup> to hold out hope *ta həʊld 'aʊt həʊp nie tracić nadziei*

<sup>166</sup> to pay the piper *ta peɪ ðə 'paɪpə(r) za/płacić za swoje czyny, otrzymać za swoje (np. karę)*