

[Salt+Light board backs Father Rosica who admitted to plagiarism](#)

Rev. Thomas Rosica has maintained the support of the board of directors of Salt and Light Media Foundation despite admitting to widespread plagiarism.

“We unanimously pledge our support of the continued leadership of Fr. Rosica as Chief Executive Officer of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation,” Tony Gagliano, chairman of the board of directors at [Salt + Light](#), the Toronto-based Catholic media network, said in a [statement](#).

Rosica has been an English-language spokesperson for the Vatican and sits on the board of a number of educational institutions. He has apologized for his mistakes.

He has [acknowledged he has failed to credit his sources](#) in several published articles and lectures and has taken full responsibility for his failures.

The scandal has led to Rosica submitting his [resignation](#) to the collegium at the [University of St. Michael's College](#) – the Catholic college at the University of Toronto – as well as resigning from the board of directors at the [University of St. Thomas](#) in Houston and at [St. John Fisher College](#) in his hometown of Rochester, N.Y.

While stating that plagiarism “is always serious and wrong, Gagliano said the work Rosica has done since Salt + Light’s launch is worth continuing.

“For the past 16 years, Fr. Thomas Rosica has worked consistently with young adults on many media platforms and in multiple languages to offer experiences of unity, prayer, celebration, reflection, education, dialogue, thought-provoking reporting and stories of faith and action. This work must continue,” the board said in its statement.

The board said that “where unintended errors were committed,” proper references will be provided and Salt + Light has “heightened the protocol to review all texts to guarantee utmost professional integrity.”