

The elder Crouch did not die and still heads up the network. However, Michael Koper maintains that, "Paul Crouch Sr. suffers from severe memory loss probably due to his years of abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs."

TBN is contending that the Kopers' actions are a "blackmail attempt" and "an inflammatory smear campaign to divert attention from their own financial sins against Trinity," the *Register* reported. But the network may be facing an uphill battle in warranting its indictments. The newspaper stated that "a judge recently threatened to brand Trinity a 'vexatious litigant' for the prodigiousness of its legal maneuverings against the Kopers."

Carra Crouch, sister of Brittany, has a battle of her own against the network, charging that as a young teen she was drugged and raped by a network employee and that her family members and ministry officials concealed the incident rather than report it to authorities. In an email to Michael Koper from Trinity's lawyers it was argued, "Corporations cannot be liable for negligent supervision or reporting of an alleged rape of a minor. Failure to report is not a legal basis of a cause of action. Sexual Battery cannot be alleged against an entity." Arguing these factors, the network is hoping the sexual battery lawsuit "will be dismissed in due course."

Although it is also being heard in the Orange County Superior Court, Carra Crouch's lawsuit is separate from her sister and brother-in-law's litigation.

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CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL GETS NEW OWNER, NEW NAME

The next mutation for the renowned Crystal Cathedral, the Southern California megachurch founded and built by the Rev. Robert H. Schuller, will be a change of its name to Christ Cathedral. In February 2012, the financially-strapped, bankrupted church was forced to sell its campus — with its iconic glass cathedral — to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange for \$57.5 million.

The Diocese said they are planning to begin the cathedral's conversion into "a Catholic place of worship" in July 2013. The process is expected to take at least a year. A month prior to the start of the renovation, the Crystal Cathedral ministry, including its popular *Hour of Power* television broadcast, will vacate its longtime campus and move to St. Callistus Catholic Church. The Catholic Church gave the Crystal Cathedral six months free rent there under the sale agreement.

The renaming of the structure is a formal process within Catholicism. The proposed name must be submitted to the Congregation of Bishops in Rome. The bishop for the Orange Diocese received approval for the name change on April 26, 2012, and it was publicly announced seven weeks later during an ordination ritual on June 9.

Schuller is an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America, the oldest Protestant denomination in the United States.

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PERSONAL FREEDOM OUTREACH — STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- I. THE BIBLE AS THE DIVINELY INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD: IT IS IN ITS ENTIRETY THE SOLE AUTHORITY FOR ALL MATTERS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND PRACTICE.
- II. THE ONE TRUE GOD. IN THE ONE TRUE GOD THERE EXIST THREE PERSONS, BEING: THE FATHER, THE SON JESUS CHRIST, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- III. JESUS CHRIST: HIS DEITY, HUMANITY, VIRGIN BIRTH, SINLESSNESS, DEATH AND BODILY RESURRECTION; WHO WILL PERSONALLY AND VISIBLY RETURN AGAIN TO EARTH.
- IV. THE PERSONALITY AND DEITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- V. THE EXISTENCE AND PERSONALITY OF SATAN, HIS TOTAL OPPOSITION TO GOD, AND HIS POWER OVER THE UNREGENERATE.
- VI. THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DEPRAVITY OF ALL MEN WHICH MAKES THEM HOPELESSLY LOST WITHOUT THE NEW BIRTH OBTAINABLE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
- VII. THE FINAL ESTATE OF MAN: FOR THE SAVED, EVERLASTING LIFE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND FOR THE UNSAVED, EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.
- VIII. THE GOSPEL BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED BEING SUMMED IN THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
- IX. THE CHURCH BEING THE BODY OF CHRIST, UNITED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, CONSISTING OF THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR. A LOCAL CHURCH IS AN ORGANIZED ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS UNITED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST.
- X. THE GREAT COMMISSION OF CHRIST BEING TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL MEN, BAPTIZING AND DISCIPLING THOSE WHO HAVE BELIEVED.