

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 18-7128

September Term, 2018

1:18-cv-01411-UNA

Filed On: November 26, 2018

Daryl Sharp, Ambassador and
Representative of the Living God Jehovah,

Appellant

v.

Timothy J. Dolan, Archbishop of the U.S.
Conference of Catholic Bishops,

Appellee

**ON APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

BEFORE: Srinivasan and Wilkins, Circuit Judges, and Sentelle, Senior Circuit Judge

JUDGMENT

This appeal was considered on the record from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and on the brief filed by appellant and the supplements thereto. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j). Upon consideration of the foregoing and the motion to expedite, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the district court's July 30, 2018 order be affirmed. The district court did not abuse its discretion by dismissing appellant's case without prejudice on the ground that the complaint did not meet the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8(a). See Ciralsky v. CIA, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). Appellant's complaint did not contain a short and plain statement of the claims showing that he is entitled to relief. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to expedite be dismissed as moot.

Pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 36, this disposition will not be published. The Clerk is directed to withhold issuance of the mandate herein until seven days after resolution

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of any timely petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc. See Fed. R. App. P. 41(b); D.C. Cir. Rule 41.

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/
Ken Meadows
Deputy Clerk

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Appellee

BEFORE: Srinivasan and Wilkins, Circuit Judges, and Sentelle, Senior Circuit
Judge

ORDER

The court concludes, on its own motion, that oral argument will not assist the court in this case. Accordingly, the court will dispose of the appeal without oral argument on the basis of the record and the presentations in appellant's brief. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2); D.C. Cir. Rule 34(j).

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:
Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/
Laura Chipley
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DARYL SHARP,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) Civil Action No.: 1:18-cv-01411 (UNA)
TIMOTHY DOLAN,)
Defendant.)

ORDER

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is

ORDERED that the plaintiff's Application for Leave to Proceed *in forma pauperis* [2] is **GRANTED**, and this case is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

This is a final appealable Order.


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Date: July 27, 2018

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Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of the Plaintiff's *pro se* Complaint ("Compl.") and Application for Leave to Proceed *in forma pauperis* ("IFP"). The Court will grant the Plaintiff's Application for Leave to Proceed IFP and dismiss the case because the Complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *Jarrell v. Tisch*, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); see *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009); *Ciralsky v. CIA*, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of *res judicata* applies. *Brown v. Califano*, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

The Plaintiff brings an action against the Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, consisting of a set of wide-ranging grievances against the Catholic Church. Compl. at 3-6. The Plaintiff alleges that Catholic bishops are ". . . stealing from people, businesses [,] and the United States government," *id.* at 2, and are engaged in efforts to manipulate individuals "in this country and around the globe . . ." *Id.* at 4. Further, the Plaintiff alleges that the Catholic Church is responsible for various "terror attacks." *Id.* In addition to "500 trillion dollars" in damages, the Plaintiff prays that this Court assist in the mass conviction and incarceration of Catholic bishops. *Id.* at 1, 7.

The Complaint, as pled, fails to provide any notice of a claim or any basis of federal court jurisdiction. Therefore, this case will be dismissed. A separate Order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: July 27, 2018



United States District Judge