

Dear Court of Appeal, Litigants and Audience,

The symbolic proceeding, the lawsuit, which has showed that equivocation cannot happen in front of the court, has finally come to an end. Segregation by no means might be regarded as catching up. Nor is it pedagogy of love. Surely, it is hypocrisy when one refers to inclusion or speaks of Roma pastoral in place of segregation. Segregation means separation and if it takes place in public education on the bases of color or ethnicity then it is harmful and illicit and therefore prohibited. Let us not allow ourselves to be deceived, laws are right, those are incorrect who do not recognize or do not want to admit how serious harms they have done to me, to us, to all of us. Those who only see the world outside Guszev when being brought to "Vadaspark" with other Roma student fellows, performing Nativity play in the downtown or being at Gypsy pilgrimage in Máriapócs, cannot adopt the required social patterns. Nor are they able to complete their secondary and postgraduate education, therefore they will not have well-paying jobs. Thus, they cannot enroll their children in inner-city schools. Consequently segregation transmits poverty from generation to generation. If church deems this as freedom of choice and of religion, I do not need such freedom, I would rather be fettered. However, the issue is especially hopeless because educational administration headed by Minister Zoltán Balogh with one accord supports the educational segregation of Roma children under the sublime guise of catch-up. The claim that this sort of school is fine for Roma pupils and also parents are fond of them is particularly distressing. According to Principal Miklós Sója, segregated schools are needed because pupils are itchy and lousy. Meanwhile, defendant's arguments fail one after the other, it has come into light that parents do not have real alternate. Experts such as Kertesi, Havas and Tuza have proved that Zoltán Balogh, the municipality and the church are on the wrong tack since inclusive education is the only right path. It remains a perennial riddle what catch-up includes, to whom it is addressed and how many years it would take. And also, why does not church help children from Guszev in its pretty inner-city school, why does it conceive of the ghetto as the only site of catching up? Catch-up is bullshit. Has the Mayor, the Bishop or the Minister though through ever what will happen with these children at the age of sixteen when they drop out under the care of the church? I am twenty-four years old and it took me six years to

overcome the drawbacks caused by catch-up, although I do not know if I have already reached the level of catching up that is desirable for Minister Zoltán Balogh. I was also prevented from inclusive education that has put obstacles in the way of studies insomuch that only in my mid-20s was I able to apply for university. As the victim of segregation, I was going adrift for years until as an adult I tried to make up the arrears of wasted years in order to acquire the basic knowledge to getting ahead. Now, I respectfully ask you, especially Minister Balogh not to catch up us, rather provide us with the means to the access to quality and inclusive education. However we have never been honored by his presence, I have to address my words to the Mayor due to the fact that the re-opening of the school in Huszár telep was his vision and so neither the Bishop nor the Minister, but Mayor Ferenc Kovács was the originator of re-segregation. Having maintainer control only over kindergartens though, I ask you not to catch up us, but give us the possibility to go to kindergarten together with non-Roma children. Being involved in the lawsuit on the grounds of “stateization”, I also ask the President of Klebersberg Institution Maintenance Centre not to catch up us in a segregated manner, thank you very much, rather work on that Roma children be not harassed and chased back to Guszev and so the relationship between teachers and pupils be characterized by respect and humanity. Finally, I respectfully ask the Bishop do not wait for the decision of Curia, rather pay attention to Pope Francis’ message, I am quoting: “Without integration Roma might be the victims of the modern forms of slavery. Leave off launching new classes in order to prevent dozens of new Roma children from falling prey to loving segregation. Segregation is not merely prohibited by secular laws, but an immoral and antagonistic act to Christian values.

Dear Court of Appeal, approaching my concluding remarks, I am asking for your wise decision and please approve the decision of the court of first instance.

Nyíregyháza, November, 5, 2014,

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