

Investigative Report by MBC TV's PD Notebook: True or False?

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On November 13, 2007, MBC TV program *PD Notebook* was broadcasted. As it is known to be a program which uncovers social wrongdoings or corruption by some suspicious people or groups, it is not appropriate for that program to deal with religious issues unless there is obvious evidence of a cult or scandal. When the negative declaration on Naju by the Kwangju Archdiocese was issued on January 1, 1998, a journalist of a monthly magazine called "*Wulkan Chosun*" tried to find out the truth behind the miraculous events at Naju based solely on journalistic ethics and he carried the results of his investigation in the June 1998 issue of the *Wulkan Chosun*.

In July of 1998, staff from *PD Notebook* approached us, saying they had read the *Wulkan Chosun* article. They asked for our cooperation so that they might uncover further truths regarding Naju. In our desire to make known the messages of our Blessed Mother and the miraculous events that had occurred at Naju and with trust that they were sincere in their purpose, we decided to cooperate fully with *PD Notebook* even though we were aware of the program's reputation. The first evening after the MBC TV crew arrived in Naju, we went out for beer at a café near Naju City Hall. A little while later, an assistant director who had gotten drunk, demanded that I bring a woman for him. Thinking he was joking, I refused his demand with a smile. But he made the demand two or three more times with a grave expression on his face. I have no idea whether he meant it or if he only wanted to test the sincerity of my faith.

At that point, I should have ended all contact with *PD Notebook* but they were persistent in their requests for evidence. They wanted to personally meet and hear the testimonials from those who had witnessed Eucharistic miracles in Naju, so I mediated for their meeting with foreign pilgrims and two priests named Fr. Louis Bosmans from Canada and Fr. Jerry Orbos from the Philippines who had visited Naju around August 15, 1998. A few days after they met those witnesses and then left, I phoned the producer in charge several times, but I got a feeling that he was avoiding me. Then, I realized that the staff from *PD Notebook* had approached us thinking Naju was just a cult like other ones but gave up their investigation after finding out there was no corruption or scandal and that the number of witnesses in favor of Naju was countless, including prelates and priests.

Nothing has happened since that time until recently when two producers from *PD Notebook*, Mr. Sang-Gwang Oh and Ms. Sun-Hee Kim, showed up in Naju in October of

2007. I told them about what had happened in 1998 with previous producers from their program, adding that it was not their business to investigate Naju. The producers tried to reassure me saying that their program would broadcast the events in Naju as being miraculous if there were truly miracles. They said something to this effect, “*We deal with not only social wrongdoings or corruption, but also broadcast whatever interests many people in order to satisfy their curiosity. For us to cover Naju events is not necessarily harmful.*” Although I had reason to doubt their veracity, I again consented to cooperate and presented evidence and testimony for everything they wanted to know. I did this all the while thinking to myself, “*As they are human beings who have a conscience, surely they will not lie to me.*”

As it turned out, these producers were totally different from the previous ones who had visited Naju in 1998. The previous producers withdrew as soon as they learned that there was no interesting scandal regarding Naju. The producers who approached us recently, however, seemed to disregard ethical principals needed in broadcast journalism. Now, I am going to reveal how the MBC TV program *PD Notebook* distorted the facts concerning Naju.

1. Miracles of healing in Ruteng, Indonesia

In March of 2007, Julia Kim was invited to Ruteng, Indonesia by Most Rev. Eduardus Sangsun, Ordinary of the Ruteng Diocese, and she prayed for many people so that they might receive spiritual and physical healing. There were 9 disabled children from SLB, a special school for the disabled, among those who were healed in some way on that day.

In June of 2007, Julia Kim revisited Ruteng and went to the SLB to see how those who had received graces in March were doing. She recognized 6 of the children who had been healed in March. On that day 7 more children were healed by her prayer. Sr. Mauritia, who was in charge of the SLB, said, “*I sent the children who became completely healthy back home as they no longer needed to stay here.*” There was a deaf and mute girl healed in March and Julia Kim was eager to see her during her second visit to Ruteng. But Julia Kim couldn’t find her in the SLB and asked about her. Sr. Mauritia answered, “*We can’t locate all the disabled children that were healed through your prayer because there were also disabled children brought to you from places other than our school last March.*”

This is what the Sister said. We made these healings known to thank the Lord for sending down the graces, to give glory to Him, and to share these graces with others, not to boast of or advertise them as opponents of Naju insist.

However, the *PD Notebook* TV crew, in their broadcast of an interview with 3 children for whom Julia prayed, concluded that not even one child had been healed, adding that they visited Ruteng and checked all the children who were allegedly healed. I heard that the MBC TV crew had been to Indonesia, accompanied by a Korean who lives there and speaks Indonesian fluently. On November 12, 2007, I phoned him and he said, “*The MBC TV crew interviewed about 10 children. Instead of being interested in miracles, they seemed to want to find out whether Julia Kim was involved with any kind of personal misbehavior connected with money. Bishop Eduardus Sangsun, Ordinary of the Ruteng Diocese, however, told them many favorable things about Naju.*”

The question then is why didn't *PD Notebook* air what the Bishop and the rest of the children who had been healed said. The reason is because children really *were* healed and the Bishop said he believed Naju, so there was no scandal or fraud to report.

In addition, *PD Notebook* claimed that a boy with poor eyesight named Yuris had not been healed. However, it was later confirmed that Yuris had truly been healed. Mrs. Mira Guizot, a volunteer helper in Indonesia, informed us that she had spoken with Sr. Mauritia and Yuris on the phone. According to her, there are doctors who visit Ruteng every October from Australia to check and treat sick disabled children in SLB. In October of 2007, when they came to SLB, they were so surprised to see Yuris' eyesight substantially improved and said that he no longer needed to stay there but should go to a regular school. She added that Yuris was very happy with his eyesight and was so grateful to God for healing his eyes though Julia Kim.

2. Miraculous water and the Blessed Mother's tears

- (1) On May 23, 2007, a man named Seong-Ho Jeong got burned on his face and was hospitalized. He heard from the doctor in charge, a plastic surgeon, that it would take about 4 months to treat him and that a skin graft would be needed since the burn was so severe. But thanks to the miraculous water of Naju, he was completely healed of his burn without any scars in about 3 weeks. He made this known in order to thank the Lord and the Blessed Mother for healing him.

But the MBC TV crew, who tried to collect evidence to discredit the Naju water, said that it was not true, showing footage of an interview with the doctor who said, *“In the case of Mr. Seong-Ho Jeong, his burn was a secondary one which heals without a scar in two weeks unless there is an infection.”* We were surprised to hear what he said. We don’t know why the doctor contradicted himself like that.

Mr. Sebastian Young-June Kwon, a volunteer helper for Naju, visited a dermatologist and showed him the photos of the burned face of Mr. Seong-Ho Jeong. He said, *“I cannot write you a diagnostic paper because I didn’t see his burned face in person. But it seems to me that his burn is a tertiary one judging from the photos alone.”*

While the MBC TV crew was in Naju, I introduced to them another man named Thomas Watkins who also received the grace of healing through the Naju water. He was working in his furniture shop in the States when he had an accident. A piece of very heavy furniture dropped onto his right foot, breaking the foot bone into 13 pieces. To his doctor’s surprise, he was completely healed of his bone injury after rubbing the Naju water on his broken foot for 7 days. He testified to his miraculous healing and even presented the X-ray film of his broken foot bone to the MBC TV crew, but they flatly ignored his testimony. Mr. Watkins had been living in USA at the time of the healing, but in September of 2007, he and his wife moved to Korea in order to work for the Blessed Mother of Naju.

In addition, the *PD Notebook* crew called a woman named Victorina Hyoung-Im Oh, an important witness to the miraculous water of Naju and the descent of a Sacred Host on June 12th, 1997. They tried to get answers unfavorable toward Naju from her, but failed. In a phone interview, she told them about the miraculous healings that her family had received from the Naju water. And regarding the descent of a Sacred Host on June 12th, 1997, she said to them, *“When Bishop Paul Chang-Ryeol Kim of the Jeju Diocese came to Naju on June 12th, 1997, I had to dress Julia Kim and help her go to the Chapel as she was suffering intense pains in reparation. So, I can surely testify to you that it was impossible for her to hide a host anywhere in her clothes as opponents say.”* It goes without saying that they didn’t televise her testimonies.

She said that they had interrogated her pertinaciously, trying to draw some contradictory words from her with the purpose of using them to disparage Naju. So, she asked them, *“Are you collecting only the testimonies of those who are opposed*

to Naju? Who on earth are you interviewing?” They answered, “We’ve interviewed those who attend the parish church in Naju.” She replied, “Then, you are interviewing only those people who are against Naju.” They said, “No, we tried to interview those who allegedly received graces in Naju but they are not willing to report their testimonies to us.” This is flatly a lie. I myself gave testimony of my son’s healing, requesting that they interview him. Because of a car accident, his left leg was more than 3 cm shorter than the right, but his legs were restored to the same length after Julia Kim prayed over them. The PD Notebook producers ignored my request.

Moreover, just prior to MBC TV’s broadcast of the anti-Naju *PD Notebook* episode, MBC televised the following captions even during the broadcast of its other shows which read, “*We are now collecting testimonies of those who have been injured by drinking the Naju water from Mrs. Julia Kim.*” People who believe in the miracles of Naju were so surprised when they saw this that they listed their testimonials and phone numbers publicly on the *PD Notebook* website, requesting interviews. However, many of their testimonials and phone numbers were deleted deliberately from the website because they were not in line with the pre-determined scenario against Naju. How else can this be construed other than as an attempt at erasing the evidence of their deliberate partiality? Doubtless, the *PD Notebook* producers feared that viewers who were not well informed about the events of Naju might discover the truth.

In the erroneous *PD Notebook* episode, the producers claimed that, after having the Naju water tested, it turned out that the water had three times more bacteria than allowed by law. They portrayed Julia Kim as a conscienceless woman who supplied unsuspecting people with water severely contaminated by bacteria. After the *PD Notebook* episode was aired, the civil authorities acted immediately, collecting water samples in order to examine it. They sent us the result of the examination on December 13th, 2007, which showed that not even one bacterium had been detected in the water.

- (2) In the *PD Notebook* against Naju, the producers said, “*According to a woman parishioner, Julio Kim, Julia’s husband, phoned her frequently regardless of time, even in the dead of night, to advertise the tears of the Blessed Mother’s statue.*”

The woman who made this preposterous statement was close to Fr. Hee-Dong Park who also gave an unfavorable testimony on the *PD Notebook* show. Julio Kim, a

man of few words, had never told even his own relatives in Naju to come and see the Blessed Mother's statue shedding tears. So, why would he have phoned this woman with whom he was not familiar late at night? One day when Julio and Julia Kim were about to leave the church after an evening Mass, Fr. Park asked them to follow him to a house which belonged to the woman parishoner. In her house a party was being held with a Protestant minister in attendance, all of which surprised Julio and Julia Kim. Afterwards, neither Julia nor Julio Kim had contact with the woman.

On November 5, 1986, Fr. Park said to Julia, *"I'd like to keep the Blessed Mother's statue in my rectory so that I may pray before it overnight with my fellow priests."* Julia agreed to this gladly. Fr. Park opened the Bible to Luke 1:56, which reads, *"Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home."* Then, he said, *"Blessed Mother, please stay in my rectory for only three months"* and he carried the Blessed Mother's statue to his rectory. The Blessed Mother's statue didn't shed tears there.

On February 2, 1987, Fr. Park said, *"Julia, as today is the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, carry the Blessed Mother's statue back to your home."* Julia did as he said. The Blessed Mother's statue stayed in the rectory for exactly 89 days. However, Fr. Park told *PD Notebook* that the statue had stayed in his rectory for 100 days. Referring to this event, a man named Man-Sil Lee, whom the *PD Notebook* set up as another witness to discredit Naju, also said, *"Because nothing miraculous happened to the Blessed Mother's statue, Julia carried it back to her house. According to her, she received a message from Mary who said, 'I am not shedding tears here because this is not my home.' That was the reason she carried the statue back to her house. I was very upset with this. If Mary allegedly said that a church was not her home, it cannot be the real Mary. It does not make sense."*

Mr. Lee is slandering Julia Kim's good name with this false statement. Julia carried the statue back to her home because Fr. Park told her to and that is all. Moreover, Julia never received the kind of message which Man-Sil Lee alleges.

- (3) In earlier times when the Blessed Mother's statue had just begun to shed tears, there used to be a photographer who took pictures of the statue shedding normal tears and tears of blood. The photographer lied on the *PD Notebook* program saying, *"Only after the alleged miracle happened did they call me."*

When he saw the Blessed Mother's statue shedding tears for the first time, he thought the phenomenon was a fabrication. So, he shot a 2000-watt spotlight on the statue for 3 hours. To his surprise, the tears continuously flowed and ceased alternately despite the powerful light. He even witnessed with his naked eyes the Blessed Mother's statue moving and shedding tears of blood. After witnessing these miracles, he became a Catholic and his autistic son was also healed through Julia Kim. On top of this, he left a handwritten testimony with his signature of the miracles he witnessed in Naju, which is still kept in the Blessed Mother's House even now, 20 years afterwards. Thus, he obviously made a false statement.

With regard to money, he said, "*Pilgrims donated a lot of money to the extent of filling a small room.*" To support his allegation, *PD Notebook* showed footage of pilgrims offering money during Offertory of a Mass. I was shocked that such an editing technique was used to dupe TV viewers.

Why did he lie? He'd been making a lot of money by independently selling photographs and videotapes on Naju at a high price for his personal profit for 12 years. The pilgrims who had purchased the photographs and the videotapes didn't complain, thinking that they were being sold by the Blessed Mother's House. But, after they learned of the truth later, they began to protest about the high price. Therefore, Mr. Sebastian Young-June Kwon and I made framed photos and videotapes without his help and sold them at a low price when people were gathered on June 30th, 1997 for the anniversary of Our Lady's first shedding tears. He was enraged to see us selling "home-made" videotapes and photos without his prior permission, thinking wrongly that all rights to photos and videotapes about the Naju miracles were reserved only by him. No one in the Blessed Mother's House had ever legally given him such rights. Then, feeling slighted and betrayed, he began to spread malignant false rumors about the Blessed Mother's House and Julia Kim after the negative *Declaration* was issued by the archdiocese of Kwangju on January 1st, 1998. I plainly told *PD Notebook* producers about this incident, but they televised only his false testimony.

On March 19th, 1997, I moved to Kwangju located near Naju in order to be closer to the Blessed Mother. It was then that I was surprised to learn of the poor financial state of the Blessed Mother's House. Prior to this, I thought that the Blessed Mother's House was financially sound as I often saw the volunteer helpers in the Blessed Mother's House give out holy items like rosaries, videotapes and pictures to priests, religious, and pilgrims for free. The fact was that they were so short of

money that they couldn't afford to buy most necessities or equipment needed to carry out further projects for the Blessed Mother of Naju.

- (4) With regard to Julia having shed tears of blood on March 25th, Good Friday, 2005, the very doctor who had examined her eyes gave a negative testimony to PD Notebook. However, he'd stated to us at that time, "*I went to the Blessed Mother's House with my Mother when I was an elementary school student. I think that this could be a supernatural phenomenon as there is no wound in her eyes.*"

3. Descent of a Sacred Host on June 12th, 1997

On June 12th, 1997, Bishop Paul Chang-Ryeol Kim of the Jeju Diocese in Korea visited Naju accompanied by Fr. Anthony Jung-Yong Kim, a retired priest of the Kwangju Archdiocese, and Ms. Tina Moon-Sook Kim, Fr. Kim's driver. Julia did not expect the Bishop's visit and came out to greet him a few minutes after his arrival, as the Bishop had not pre-informed her of his visit. While Bishop Kim, Fr. Kim, Julia, and others were praying together before the Blessed Mother's statue in the Chapel, Julia suddenly saw light radiating from the Crucifix on the front wall of the Chapel. She knew something important was going to happen. Then, she suddenly saw a large Sacred Host coming down before the Blessed Mother's statue, and threw herself forward to catch the Sacred Host with her hands. She did not succeed, and the Sacred Host landed before the Blessed Mother's statue. The people in the Chapel immediately knelt to worship the Eucharist and pray. A while later, Bishop Kim held the Eucharist in his hands and blessed the people in the Chapel and left. Tina Moon-Sook Kim was also kneeling, praying, and worshipping the Eucharist.

After several days, Julia and others in Naju were shocked to learn that Tina Kim had visited the clergy of the Kwangju Archdiocese and testified that Julia had fabricated that miracle by taking a host out of her pocket and putting it before the Blessed Mother's statue during Bishop Paul Kim's visit. However, this claim of Tina Kim's turned out to be false because the scenes of Tina Kim kneeling, praying, and worshipping the Eucharist when It came down were captured by a video camera permanently installed on the sidewall inside the Chapel. The camera is turned on whenever there is a prayer meeting or an important visitor. When the video recording of that day was closely examined, it showed that, a short while before the descent of the Eucharist, Julia took out her white handkerchief from her right-hand pocket as she was sweating and, then, put it back into her pocket. The video shows that, when Julia saw the falling Eucharist and rushed to catch It, her hands were empty.

Mrs. Victorina Hyoung-Im Oh testified that she dressed Julia just before Julia went out to greet Bishop Kim and saw that Julia only had a handkerchief in her right-side pocket. She confirmed that there was no host in Julia's pockets, in her hands, or anywhere else on her body. But, as stated above, her important testimony was ignored by MBC TV.

The original video recording of that day clearly shows that Julia took out a handkerchief from her pocket and put it back into her pocket before the miracle occurred. In *PD Notebook's* broadcast, however, the footage was altered to make the handkerchief look more like a round host and the tape was played in reverse so that it appeared as if Julia was taking out some white object from her pocket just before the miracle occurred instead of putting it back into her pocket. This was done for the purpose of corroborating Tina Kim's false testimony. What else could this be other than the product of highly skilled film editing in order to manipulate and mislead public opinion?

Two matters that must be considered dealing with this issue is the fact that the Sacred Host which came down that day was 8cm or so in diameter, larger than ordinary hosts. So, it would be impossible for Julia to take a host of that size out of her pocket without being noticed by the 9 pilgrims who were also there praying. In addition, Tina Kim has reversed her testimony several times depending on the situation she happens to be in, indicating that her testimony is unreliable. A decisive proof of this fact is being kept by a man living in Incheon who interviewed her on July 5, 2005. It will be made public in due time.

4. False testimony on Julia's urine

The first time an unusual phenomenon regarding Julia's urine was observed was in October, 2000. It was seen that fragrant oil with rainbow colors and beautiful images was floating on her urine in a container¹. It was later observed that her urine not only had beautiful colors and images but also vibrated. As the vibrations occurred in mixed directions, it could not have been caused by any winds. All during the time that this phenomenon was observed, there was no natural or artificial wind. It was also observed by a neuropsychophysicologist² from Bolivia, who is an internationally-known specialist on

¹ Julia used a small upper room in her house as her bedroom. As it was difficult to come down to the bathroom downstairs at night, she kept a container in her room.

² He also conducted the examination of Julia's brain waves. He found that Delta waves appeared in her brain waves while she was asked to pray. A Delta wave state is impossible to simulate or fake. It is also scientifically contradictory for a person to be alert, awake and communicating while registering Delta waves. Delta waves only occur in specific instances: comatose patients, in rare cases of extremely deep sleep, and sometimes in suckling babies.

human brains. He said that this amazing phenomenon happening in Julia's urine was a special grace from God and was possible because her soul and body had been purified through her continuous redemptive suffering.

On January 1, 2002, Julia received a private message³ from the Blessed Mother regarding her urine. Even though Julia was grateful for this special sign of love, she did not want it to become known and cause undesirable reactions. She wanted to keep it secret throughout her lifetime.

On September 9, 2006, however, one of the volunteer helpers in Naju, Ms. Theresa Mi-Jung Kim, left Naju due to some personal complaints and told the clergy of the Kwangju Archdiocese about Julia's urine. In *PD Notebook* she said, "*Julia Kim gave me a 2 day-supply of her urine when she heard I was sick.*" The narrator said, "*Julia publicized her urine to the faithful.*" However, Julia has never given her urine to Theresa Kim or publicized it.

The reason why Theresa Kim told this lie is because of resentment. In the spring of 2005, my wife had to quit her voluntary work at the Blessed Mother's House due to our family affairs. She had been in charge of selling various holy items in the religious article shop for a few months. At that time, Theresa Kim was also working in the shop and she wanted to take my wife's place when she quit. Another person, however, took her position, so Theresa Kim left the Blessed Mother's House complaining, "*Why didn't they give that position to a person like me who had worked so hard?*"

After leaving Naju, she became an outspoken opponent, spreading preposterous false rumors such as, "*Julia sells her urine for thirty thousand won per bottle*" to people and priests whom she meets. While my wife had been in charge of the religious article shop, she had even slandered my wife and me like this, "*One day Albino Kim came to the shop and, showing his wallet, told his wife that he was broke. Then, his wife took out hundreds of thousands of won (the equivalent of several hundred dollars) from the safe and gave it to him, saying that a man's pocket should not be empty.*"

³ "Daughter! My beloved, lovely daughter! Did you see the Lord's beautiful rays of light? As there is nothing that the Lord, your Redeemer, cannot do, He gave such beautiful colors in your urine also. But you have been so anxious about your urine and worried about the results, haven't you? It was a sign of a very special love which indicates that your Lord and this Mother, Who will keep you up as a person who never give up integrity despite difficulties, are dwelling, working and uniting (with you) within you. Therefore, do not worry about anything but display the power of love more diligently and offer up loyalty in heroic ways."

Furthermore, in one part of the *PD Notebook* program about Naju, the producers said, “According to a witness’s testimony, Julia publicized her urine to the faithful, saying that it gave off fragrance and also contained some gold and silver powder. It is also said that her closest volunteer helpers kept it and drank it.” The words “gold and silver powder”, which sound like nonsense, were used in the program even though I explained to Mr. Sang-Gwang Oh, a producer of *PD Notebook*, “Julia used the expression ‘gold and silver powder’ because it glittered like gold or silver rather than actually containing gold or silver powder. She could not describe it otherwise.” He ignored this. At the same time, they showed footage in which a liquid with glittering gold powder was being stirred in a container and several women were sitting around in a room, drinking some yellow liquid in small glasses. The narrator said that they were drinking Julia’s urine with the belief that it had some healing power. At the beginning of this footage, there briefly appeared a tiny caption “*Dramatization*”, but most viewers missed this caption and believed it really happened, so they were shocked. General TV viewers who were not well informed of the events in Naju felt disgusted and became infuriated at Julia. As Julia has been strictly keeping the information about her urine from public knowledge, it is unimaginable that something like what was described in this TV scene ever actually occurred.

Malignant false rumors spread like wild fire. Opponents say Julia distributed and sold her urine to pilgrims, but this is a preposterous lie. Julia wanted to keep it a secret for fear of people idolizing her in some way when it was made public. She said that it must be made public only after her death if ever it must be.

5. Regarding the so-called fragrant piece of cloth

On November 24, 1994, in the afternoon, at the invitation of Mr. Sebastian Young-June Kwon, Julia went to a church in Bucheon, a small city east of Incheon and west of Seoul to give testimony. While Julia was speaking, the crowded church became filled with a powerful fragrance of roses. After the testimony and Julia had gone, someone found a small piece of white cloth in a transparent plastic bag on the floor near the rostrum which had some fragrance.

For 700 consecutive days between November 24, 1992 and October 23, 1994, the Blessed Mother’s statue in Naju exuded fragrant oil and some of this oil was collected with little pieces of white cloth. Then, these pieces of oil-soaked cloth were given to many individuals as gifts. The fragrance from this cloth was quite strong, but gradually weakened over time. Many people in different countries who received this cloth had been

deeply moved realizing that it was a sign of the Blessed Mother's motherly love. Julia herself carried one piece of this cloth in her Bible.

When she was speaking in the church in Bucheon, she had this cloth in her Bible, but accidentally dropped it as she left. This fragrant piece of cloth was picked up by someone and brought to the pastor, Fr. Ho-Dong Cho. Fr. Cho and others immediately began to have some doubts, thinking that Julia might have been fabricating the fragrance by carrying this cloth with her or, possibly, even a bottle of perfume. Because the priest spoke about his doubt aloud, the word spread rapidly and reached the ears of the clergy in the Kwangju Archdiocese. The MBC TV crew also found out about this. Mr. Sebastian Young-June Kwon told them the truth, but they ignored it, reporting negatively about the miraculous fragrance in their *PD Notebook* program based solely on what they heard from opponents.

Fr. Ho-Dong Cho said to *PD Notebook*, “As soon as Julia Kim entered the church to give her testimony, the whole church was filled with the fragrance of roses. Even if she was far away from me, the fragrance was strong.” Is it possible that a small piece of oil-soaked cloth could fill the entire church building with fragrance?

I was able to obtain the original script of the slanderous *PD Notebook* episode after applying for a provisional disposition from the court in order to stop the broadcast of the program. So, I phoned Fr. Cho a few hours before the show was broadcasted on November 13, 2007, and asked “Did you really say to MBC TV, ‘When I held the piece of cloth like this, perfumed water didn’t flow. But when I squeezed it, it flowed.’?” Fr. Cho answered, “No, I didn’t.” I said, “But that is how it is written in the *PD Notebook* script. If you really said it, you are liable for it. I’d like to visit you and talk about this. What time are you available?” Fr. Cho said, “Come anytime. I am always in the church.” So, Mr. Sebastian Young-June Kwon and I went to the church immediately, but contrary to his word, Fr. Cho was not there, avoiding us.

To answer to those who doubt: first, it is impossible to fill a whole church with powerful fragrance from a little piece of cloth that had absorbed some fragrant oil. The Chapel in Naju also sometimes becomes filled with powerful fragrance, but it has nothing to do with the oil-soaked cloth. The fragrance from this cloth can be smelled in its direct vicinity, but is too weak to fill a whole room or a whole church.

Second, the fragrance from the oil exuded from the Blessed Mother's statue in Naju and the fragrance that is smelled without any visible source are similar but also distinctly

different. The fragrance from the cloth comes from the oil, but the other fragrance, which is not caused by the oil, is more like the fragrance of flowers, especially roses. It is actually sweeter and fresher than the natural fragrance of roses. Many people have also smelled this fragrance of roses far away from Naju, even in foreign countries, when they pray or think about the Blessed Mother of Naju, visit the Naju website, read the message book, tell others about Naju, and so on. These experiences happen at great distances from Naju and cannot be brushed aside as natural phenomena or fabrications.

6. About the real estate purchase allegations

When the producers asked me about this, I gave them a plain answer, *“I was the one who made the deal and contract because I used to work in the office of the National Tax Administration. We have been purchasing real estate around the Blessed Mother's Mountain in order for many pilgrims to have a place to stay and pray. It will be handed over to the Church when Naju is approved.”*

When Julio Kim, Julia's husband, was asked about his financial status, he just showed them his bank balance. Having failed to find any inconsistencies, *PD Notebook* simply stated that Julio Kim had bought tens of thousands of acres of land and fields without mentioning their value. The producers knew that the real estate near the Blessed Mother's Mountain was very cheap.

Again they tried to mislead the people by mentioning that part of the purchased land had been arranged for building a rural town and Julio was to profit from it. I told them that the land was in fact owned by about 30 people who wanted to live near the Blessed Mother's Mountain, but was temporarily registered under one name, Julio Kim's, for convenience. They, however, turned a deaf ear to the truth.

Before the miracles in Naju began, Julia had been running a beauty parlor in Naju. Because her reputation was known widely, she had more customers than she and her employees could handle. If she had stayed in that business instead of giving it up to consecrate herself to the work of the Lord and the Blessed Mother, she would easily have become very wealthy. The only assets that Julio and Julia have accumulated from donations so far are the Blessed Mother's chapel, the Blessed Mother's mountain and surrounding land where there is a temporary chapel, the miraculous spring, the Way of the Cross, a replica of Mt. Calvary, and more space for parking and extra buildings that may be needed near the main church after the approval. Julio and Julia repeatedly said that all of these and any other assets acquired with donations will be handed over to the Church

when Naju is re-investigated and approved by the Church. There is simply no truth to the rumor that Julia is seeking personal wealth.

7. About selling religious articles

Sales of religious articles and publications are necessary to cover daily expenses incurred by providing meals for the volunteer helpers, paying for utilities and transportation, heating the inside of the Blessed Mother's House and the temporary chapel on the mountain, preparing the publications, and other expenses.

8. About the DNA test of the Precious Blood

The MBC TV crew televised a scene of Julia rejecting their request for a DNA test of the Blood that came down on her dining table on February 8, 2003. This footage gave TV viewers the impression that Julia rejected all scientific tests on physical evidence of miraculous events. However, Julia and all who support Naju are well aware that such objective, scientific tests are needed to prove the authenticity of the Naju miracles. The MBC TV crew of *PD Notebook* does not have expert knowledge about Catholic teachings regarding mystical and supernatural phenomena, medicine, psychology or other sciences. How can they claim to be qualified to conduct a reliable investigation of all that has happened in Naju surrounding Julia Kim and the Blessed Mother? Even if Julia did allow a DNA test in Seoul, how could anyone trust the test results considering the strong bias of *PD Notebook* against Naju? There is also a possibility that, during the process of investigation, some of the evidence from Naju may "mysteriously" disappear or be treated in a sacrilegious manner. Julia, of course, would never take such a risk and so refused to comply with their requests.

Moreover, DNA tests on the Precious Blood that came down in Naju were already done in a DNA test center in Seoul in 2006 and the MBC staff already knew about this. We even phoned the DNA test center to ask for its cooperation with the MBC staff. Thus, they visited the center and got all the materials they needed regarding the DNA test results. And yet, with no mention of this, the footage that they chose to televise was that of Julia rejecting their request to conduct a DNA test themselves.

9. Conclusion

For any investigation to be objective and reliable, it must be conducted without prejudice or external influence. The MBC TV crew were completely prejudiced after hearing the

false testimonies from the opponents of Naju. They conducted their investigation with a pre-determined conclusion and acted like prosecutors questioning criminals. They only presented what they wanted to in their show and manipulated most of the footage and “evidence” to suit their purposes. Their conduct belies their own motto “*PD Notebook – an honest witness to this present era*” if they distort facts with a prejudiced mindset rather than report the whole truth?

Furthermore, if the PD Notebook against Naju had been broadcasted according to the original scenario, it would have taken more than 1 hour. But because it was handed over to us after we applied for provisional disposition at the court to stop the broadcasting of the program, they dropped what could be legally problematic in their actual broadcasting, which took about 40 minutes.

I think that the final war between the Red Dragon and Mary, the Woman clothed with the sun, is being waged intensely in Naju. Naju seems to be weak and powerless, but is firmly rooted in the truths of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Thus, the falsity of PD Notebook will be exposed sooner or later.

It is common knowledge that when an individual defames another in public, the accuser can sue for libel in most cases. But, in the case of defamation by the mass media, bringing an action of libel is very difficult because the right to know and the freedom of speech and of the press have been regulated by law. A man who knows well this privilege of the mass media said to me, “*Once a certain story has been broadcasted, any measures taken later are like crying over spilt milk. Even if the truth is revealed later, it is extremely difficult to reverse the situation.*”

The *PD Notebook* producers tried to find possible victims of Naju in addition to the opponents recommended by the Kwangju Archdiocese, but they couldn’t find even one. So, MBC televised the following captions even during the broadcast of its other shows which read, “*We are collecting testimonies by those who have suffered damage from drinking the Naju water related to Mrs. Julia Kim*”. While there were many who listed their testimonies on graces received in Naju on the *PD Notebook* website, there was not even one who claimed that he/she was a victim. If Julia Kim had amassed wealth for her personal profit like a cult leader, there would have been many victims.

Goliath’s downfall came from a small stone slung by the young David. No person or thing can stop God’s work however powerful they may be. God is truth and light and darkness can never completely block it out. The sacred honor of the Lord and His Blessed Mother

that has been tarnished by the media's attack on the miracles of Naju will be reclaimed as it is not a human but God who is at work in Naju. I present this article as a witness to the truth of the miraculous events of Naju in order to make these truths known and to expose the fallacious claims of the opponents.