

Clerical Sexual Abuse How The Crisis Changed U S Catholic Church State Relations Palgrave Studies In Religion Politics And Policy By Formicola Jo Renee 2014 Hardcover

The sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic Church captured headlines and mobilized public outrage in January 2002. But much of the commentary that immediately followed was reductionistic, focusing on single "causes" of clerical abuse such as mandatory celibacy, homosexuality, sexual repressiveness or sexual permissiveness, anti-Catholicism, and a decadent secular culture. Predatory Priests, Silenced Victims: The Sexual Abuse Crisis and the Catholic Church, a collection of groundbreaking articles edited by Mary Gail Frawley-O'Dea and Virginia Goldner, eschews such one-size-fits-all theorizing. In its place, the abuse situation is explored in all its troubling complexity, as contributors take into account the experiences, respectively, of the victim/survivor, the abuser/perpetrator, and the bystander (whether family member, professional/clergy, or the community at large). Setting polemics to the side, Predatory Priests, Silenced Victims provides a sober and sobering analysis of the interlacing historical, doctrinal, and psychological issues that came together in the sexual abuse scandal. It is mandatory reading for all who seek thoughtful, informed commentary on a crisis long in the making and yet to be resolved.

This book, as an exploratory sociological analysis, broadly examines the major structural factors which contribute to the social disorganization of the Catholic hierarchy as a clerical community, facilitating the persistence of clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Using some tenets of the social disorganization theory on crime and deviance as the overall theoretical framework with some perspectives from social organization, social network, and social capital, and secondary literature and qualitative data to support the arguments, it examines the (1) diocesan clergy's social interaction, mutual support, and social control system in the hierarchical community, (2) connection between mandated clerical celibacy and clerical sexual abuse, and (3) the implication of the laity's lack of empowerment and ecclesiastical authority to monitor and sanction clerical behavior. The Catholic hierarchy prides itself as a unified community of clerics under the Pope who shares the one priesthood of Christ. But the current clerical sexual scandals and the inability of bishops to adequately manage clerical sexual abuse cases make one wonders whether the Catholic clergy is indeed a cohesive and socially organized community which inhibits clerical sexual abuse. This book invites Church authorities, theologians, scholars, and lay leaders to understand the persistent clerical sexual abuse empirically and to come up with structural reforms which enhance the social network and social control systems of the Catholic hierarchy against clerical sexual misconduct and support victims.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

has focused more public attention on the Catholic Church in Australia than on any other organisation subject to this investigation. It is a cathartic moment for the Church. Public disillusionment and a deep distrust within the community about the way the Church has handled clerical sexual abuse cases could prove more damaging □ or more transformative □ than any findings from the Commission itself. This book examines the public discussion around the child abuse issue and its construction as a problem of Catholicism. It considers what the Australian Catholic response to the greatest crisis in its history will mean in the long term for: □ the Australian Church□s credibility, □ the reputation of its schools, hospitals and welfare organizations, □ and for its future cultural and political influence.

The sexual exploitation of a child by one who has been recognized as a representative of God is a sinister assault on that person's psychosocial and spiritual well-being. Many survivors of such abuse present with a range of symptoms consistent with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder as well as common co-occurring problems, including substance abuse, affective lability, and relational conflicts. Yet there are additional themes, particularly the impact of the abuse and institutional betrayal on the family, profound alteration in individual spirituality, and changes in individual and family religious practices, which differentiate this abuse from other traumas.

Understanding the profound and multidimensional effects of clergy perpetrated sexual abuse and the betrayal of trust by religious leaders on individuals, families and communities requires the collective wisdom of many voices. This book brings together the perspectives of survivors, practitioners and scholars to examine this unique form of interpersonal violence from theoretical, clinical and spiritual perspectives with consideration given to future research needs. This book was published as a special issue of the Journal of Child Sex Abuse.

*How the Crisis Changed US Catholic Church-State Relations
Lead Us Not Into Temptation*

Sociological Perspectives on Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Hierarchy

The Crisis in the Catholic Church

A Tragic Grace

Gender, Power, and Organizational Culture

The U.S. Bishops' Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse of Children

This book brings together experts primarily from the fields of criminology, criminal justice, law, and social work, but also cultural anthropology and psychology, to analyze clergy sexual abuse from the perspective of their individual disciplines. Contributors examine the latest data and analyses on the scope and impact of clergy sexual abuse, frame the problem in terms of sociological and criminological theories of crime and deviance, explore the social and legal issues the problem raises for the personal and communal life of faith communities, and discuss possibilities for reform, reconciliation, and healing. Covering sexual abuse of both minors and adults, chapters not only focus on the Catholic Church, but also examine Christian faith traditions more generally. The editors'

introductory chapter identifies points of agreement and divergence among the essays, develops a coherent overview of the problem, and presents viable solutions to it.

The book discusses the changing relationship between American Catholic Bishops and civil authorities in the United States, as civil authority has eclipsed traditional Catholic ecclesiastical privilege and clerical exemption resulting from the hierarchical mismanagement and cover-up of clerical sexual abuse in the United States.

In recent years the sexual abuse of children in religious institutions has gripped the Western world, as churches, governments and civil society attempt to come to terms with the magnitude of widespread historical abuses. Questions continue to be asked about why it is that perpetrators were able to offend repeatedly and with impunity; what is it about institutions that facilitate or foster abuse; and why have survivors of abuse often been treated inadequately by diverse national and international justice and political systems throughout the last century? This volume makes a significant contribution to international understandings of the vexed and sensitive 'wicked problem' of child sexual abuse in religious institutions. The chapters in this volume are written from a range of feminist disciplinary responses, including law, criminology, anthropology and history. Together, they provide important historical context for the current social and political interest in clerical sex crimes. They examine political and legal avenues for redress for survivors of these crimes and critically examine the ways in which church cultures position clergy and clergy offenders in relation to victims. The chapters originally published in a special issue of the Australian Feminist Law Journal.

This work unpacks the history and root causes of the clergy sex abuse scandals in the United States. Building on decades of data and research, author Bill Donohue, who holds a doctorate in sociology, tells the story from a fresh angle and calls us to rethink our assumptions about the Church's handling of these horrific abuses. *The Truth about Clergy Sexual Abuse* challenges many myths about the scandals, demonstrating that the abuse of minors is a problem that haunts virtually every institution--religious and secular--where adults interact with young people. The work also provides compelling evidence of the great progress that the Church has made in preventing abuse, contrary to public perceptions. Indeed, the media, Hollywood, and activist lawyers have poisoned the public mind with tales of old cases, giving the impression that nothing has changed. Donohue investigates at length the central role that homosexuality played in the scandal. While homosexuality does not cause sexual abuse, the prevalence of emotional and sexual immaturity among homosexual clergy explains why they committed most of the molestation. Indeed, all of the educational institutions of the Catholic Church, including the seminaries, have been affected by the sexual revolution that began in the 1960s, and this book explores the pernicious effects of dissent from Catholic sexual morality.

Poetry Born of Clergy Abuse

Sexual Violence and the Violence of Silence

Understanding the Impact of Clergy Sexual Abuse

Moments of Peace and Healing Following Sexual Abuse (DB)

Sex, Priests, and Secret Codes

Scientific and Legal Perspectives : Proceedings of the Conference "Abuse of Children and

Young People by Catholic Priests and Religious" : Vatican City, April 2-5, 2003

Clergy Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The relentless crescendo of revelations of sexual abuse in the nation's Catholic churches has rocked the nation. Just how widespread is child sexual abuse by the Catholic clergy? And why hasn't the Catholic church done more to stop it? In A Gospel of Shame, Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalists Elinor Burkett and Frank Bruni provide the answers to these questions and more. The answers, however, turn out to be infuriating and heartbreaking, difficult to accept but impossible to dismiss. The authors thoroughly document dozens of cases across the country and reveal how this heinous abuse of trust has been tacitly sanctioned by the Church's silence.

One of the church's most shameful secrets is pastors who sexually abuse their congregants. In Victim to Survivor, Nancy Werking Poling offers the harrowing and poignant stories of six women who were sexually abused by their pastors and tell in their own voices what they did about it. In their pain, these victims, survivors, and thrivers dare to call upon the church to be a safe refuge for all people, women and men alike. And in their personal journeys of healing, they demonstrate a tenacious faith, grounded in gospel truth--compelling church leaders to acknowledge this hurtful hypocrisy, advocate for healthy pastoral relationships, and finally call pastors to accountability.

An investigative look into cases of sexual abuse of boys by Catholic priests profiles the families and children who are struggling to regain faith and secure justice; the church officials struggling to cover up the scandal; and the abusive priests.

Clergy sexual abuse is a horrible reality. These essays reveal that between ten and twenty percent of clergy offend against the integrity of the pastoral relationship and the vulnerability of those entrusted to their care by crossing the boundary from religious service to sexual activity. The survivors of such abuse face terrible consequences of personal and relational brokenness and the loss of God and the church. The church and pastoral care and counseling agencies become conflicted by competing claims about responsibility and paralyzed by the threat of costly lawsuits from all involved parties. And the ongoing failure to bring perpetrators to account and to bring about vindication for the survivors undermines the vitality of our religious communities and the credibility of our message. . . . The core theme of these essays is the need to rethink and reconstitute power, including our view of God's power, into genuinely mutual and accountable arrangements. Healing,

intimacy, reconciliation, and forgiveness derive from justice and vindication, rather than vice versa. The healing and restoration of persons, and a genuine social advance, will come only when we are able to reconceive power and order our practice of ministry, care, and counseling in non-coercive and non-patriarchal terms. The challenge is a cultural challenge, with serious consequences for elevating those of low degree and bringing the mighty down to the possibility of genuine redemption. --from the Introduction

Reckoning

Whistle

Children, Sexual Abuse, and the Catholic Church

Slayer of the Soul

The Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis and the Legal Responses

Victim to Survivor

How Priests and Nuns Become Perpetrators

Breaks through the myths, anger and confusion that surround child sexual abuse. Experts in the fields of mental health, law, pastoral theology, communications and medicine here answer these questions: What is child sexual abuse? Who are the victims of this behaviour? Who are the perpetrators? What help exists for each group? What is the Church's responsibility in the process of healing? Counters the discrimination often shown against both victim and perpetrator. Illustrates how the Church community can provide leadership responding to the message of Jesus by taking decisive action, demonstrating compassion, promoting healing, and enabling reformation.

Sacrilege explores the deep roots of the Catholic Church's sexual-abuse scandal, revealing its full depth and breadth. In horrifying yet necessary detail, former federal investigator Leon Podles surveys the full extent of the damage, showing how victims were failed by bishops, laity, therapists, police, courts, press, and even popes. Examining the history behind today's headlines, Dr. Podles reveals how centuries-old theological errors encouraged blind submission to hierarchy, by making obedience to authority the highest virtue. He also shines a light on the new theological errors, popularized since Vatican II, that glorify every type of sexual expression—including pedophilia. Sacrilege will prove an essential resource for all those concerned with the history and future of Catholicism.

In the fourth century, clerics began to distinguish themselves from members of the laity by virtue of their augmented claims to holiness. Because clerical celibacy was key to this distinction, religious authorities of all stripes—patristic authors, popes, theologians, canonists, monastic founders, and commentators—became progressively sensitive to sexual scandals that involved the clergy and developed sophisticated tactics for concealing or dispelling embarrassing lapses. According to Dyan Elliott, the fear of scandal dictated certain lines of action and inaction, the consequences of which are painfully apparent today. In *The Corrupter of Boys*, she demonstrates how, in conjunction with the requirement of clerical celibacy, scandal-averse policies at every conceivable level of the ecclesiastical hierarchy have enabled the widespread sexual abuse of boys and male adolescents within the Church. Elliott examines more than a millennium's worth of doctrine and practice to uncover the origins of a culture of secrecy and concealment of sin. She charts the continuities and changes, from late antiquity into the high Middle Ages, in the use of boys as sexual objects before focusing on four specific milieus in which boys and adolescents would have been especially at risk in the high and later Middle Ages: the monastery, the choir, the schools, and the episcopal court. *The Corrupter of Boys* is a work of stunning breadth and discomfiting resonance, as Elliott concludes that the same clerical prerogatives and privileges that were formulated in late antiquity and the medieval era—and the same strategies to cover up the abuses they enable—remain very much in place.

Sexual Violence and the Violence of Silence takes a candid look at the clergy sexual abuse scandal in

the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia from a historical and cultural perspective. The author reveals the five veils of silence—the actions or inactions of the church hierarchy, congregation, law enforcement, media, and general public—that shrouded these cases of clergy sexual violence and exposed the internal maneuverings by administrative officials to silence all those involved or who knew about the abuses. This violence of silence had a profound effect on the victims by adding to their pain and suffering and interfering with their ability to heal and obtain justice. The author begins with the history of the founding of the Roman Catholic Church in America and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and leads the reader through the confession and testimony of Father William Hogan, a nineteenth-century priest who acknowledged his role in grooming parishioners in the confessional, attested to the sexually abusive behavior of many of his colleagues, and argued for the pervasiveness of clergy sexual violence in the church. The reader will also be exposed to graphic grand jury testimony of the victims of a small representative sample of accused sexually violent priests from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia—Father Gerard W. Chambers, Father Joseph Gausch, and Father Nicholas V. Cudemo—who targeted their victims based on race, class, and gender. The author includes the historical context in which each priest lived and served by presenting these priests to the reader in chronological order based on their date of ordination. To assist the readers in their understanding of the scope of the cover-up by the leadership of the church, the author examines the administration of the bishops or cardinals supervising the archdiocese during the tenure of each of these predator priests.

Glimmers of Grace

Broken Trust

Clergy Sexual Abuse

When Values Collide

The Catholic Church and Child Sexual Abuse

The Sexual Abuse Crisis and the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church, Sexual Abuse, and the Challenges of Leadership

A meticulously researched inside look at child sexual abuse by clergy, this exhaustive, hard-hitting analysis weaves together interviews with abusive priests and church historical and administrative details to propose a new way of thinking about clerical sexual offenders. Linking the personal and the institutional, researcher and therapist Marie Keenan locates the problem of child sexual abuse not exclusively in individual pathology, but also within larger systemic factors, such as the very institution of priesthood itself, the Catholic take on sexuality, clerical culture, power relations, governance structures of the Catholic Church, the process of formation for priesthood and religious life, and the complex manner in which these factors coalesce to create serious institutional risks for boundary violations, including child sexual abuse. Keenan draws on the priests' own words not to excuse their horrific crimes, but to offer the in-depth account of a tragic, multi-faceted phenomenon. What emerges is a troubling portrait of a Church in crisis and a series of recommendations that call for nothing less than a new ecclesiology and a new, more critical theology. Only through radical institutional reform, Keenan argues, can a more representative and accountable Church emerge. Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church is a unique reference for scholars of the Church and therapists who work with both victims and offenders, as well as a forward-thinking blueprint for reform.

The 'cover-up' of child sexual abuse by the Catholic Church has been occurring under the pontificate of six popes since 1922. For 1500 years, the Catholic Church accepted that clergy who sexually abused children deserved to be stripped of their status as priests and then imprisoned. A series of papal and Council decrees from the twelfth century required such priests to be dismissed from the priesthood, and then handed

over to the civil authorities for further punishment. That all changed in 1922 when Pope Pius XI issued his decree *Crimen Sollicitationis* that created a de facto 'privilege of clergy' by imposing the 'secret of the Holy Office' on all information obtained through the Church's canonical investigations. If the State did not know about these crimes, then there would be no State trials, and the matter could be treated as a purely canonical crime to be dealt with in secret in the Church courts. Pope Pius XII continued the decree. Pope John XXIII reissued it in 1962. Pope Paul VI in 1974 extended the reach of 'pontifical secrecy' to the allegation itself. Pope John Paul II confirmed the application of pontifical secrecy in 2001, and in 2010, Benedict XVI even extended it to allegations about priests sexually abusing intellectually disabled adults. In 2010, Pope Benedict gave a dispensation to pontifical secrecy to allow reporting to the police when the local civil law required it, that is, just enough to keep bishops out of jail. Most countries in the world do not have any such reporting laws for the vast majority of complaints about the sexual abuse of children. Pontifical secrecy, the cornerstone of the cover up continues. The effect on the lives of children by the imposition of the Church's Top Secret classification on clergy sex abuse allegations may not have been so bad if canon law had a decent disciplinary system to dismiss these priests. The 1983 Code of Canon Law imposed a five year limitation period which virtually ensured there would be no canonical trials. It required bishops to try to reform these priests before putting them on trial. When they were on trial, the priest could plead the Vatican 'Canon 22' defence—he should not be dismissed because he couldn't control himself. The Church claims that all of this has changed. Very little has changed. It has fiddled around the edges of pontifical secrecy and the disciplinary canons. The Church has been moonwalking.

In May, 2015, contrary to all expectations, Fr. Doyle was named as a consultant for the Vatican's highest Commission, charged with investigating clergy sexual abuse of victims. This action marks the culmination of Doyle's thirty year career of speaking out on behalf of survivors, against bishops and their attorneys, in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Tom Roberts of NCR reported the story in the July 25th issue of the paper. A Letter to the Editor by NCR reader John Fitzgerald stated, "To say that Tom Doyle was a thorn in the side of the Vatican would be an understatement. He was more like an attacking rhinoceros. Now he is finally appointed to advise a Pontifical Commission that reports directly to the Pope. Tom is just one step from the ear of Pope Francis. And it's official... Unbelievable." Access the NCR article by this Q.R. Code. This striking sign of approval by Pope Francis and other Vatican officials underscores the perduring support Doyle has also received from members of his own Dominican Order. This was highlighted in 2004 when Master General Br. Carlos Azpiroz Costa O.P. gave him an award for "Prophetic Ministry to Victims and Perpetrators." As a young priest in the early 1980s, Tom Doyle, seemingly, had everything: 3 PhDs in Canon Law, his pilot's license, and a prestigious job at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C.. He was a Republican, and a strong supporter of Pope John Paul II's doctrinaire agenda. But then, in 1984, it all began to unravel when he was asked to investigate rumors about a priest in Louisiana who was abusing teenage boys. The rumors were true, cases multiplied, and Doyle was fired. The bishops stone walled. Doyle became a chaplain -- and began testifying for victims. For the next 25 years. This is his story, from the inside. The book contains a Dedication by Tom Doyle, an Epilogue by Tom Fox of the National Catholic

Reporter, and dozens of Quick Reference QR codes for Smart Phones and Tablets providing access to articles and other resources focusing on clerical sexual abuse. All profits will be donated to charities assisting victims of clerical abuse.

Presents an account of sexual abuse of children by priests in the Catholic Church and how these crimes were covered-up by senior church officials.

Sacrilege

End Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church ... for Good

Interdisciplinary Feminist Perspectives on Crimes of Clerical Child Sexual Abuse

Clerical Sexual Abuse

Holding Bishops Accountable

Clarifying the Facts and the Causes

Child Sexual Abuse and the Catholic Church

Desiring to bring hope and healing to other victims, these men and women-survivors as well as their community of family and friends-come together to speak out about their abuse and betrayal by Catholic priests and leaders.

These are only a few stories-but through these few are related the experiences of many victims. Contrary to conventional wisdom, these men and women are still active, practicing Catholics who love their faith. The abusers may have stolen their innocence, but through God's grace, they weren't able to steal their faith. Included are chapters providing practical advice from Dr. Deborah Rodriguez, a medical doctor specializing in trauma care, Christopher West, an expert on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and Elizabeth Terrill, a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, to help victims begin or continue the process of healing, not only from sexual abuse, but also from the damage done to their faith. Priests and Bishops of the Catholic Church have harmed many, but through this 2,000 year old institution, these victims found the healing they so deserved and desired. This book aims to unite victims and concerned members of the Catholic Church to fight against the evil of sexual abuse and coverup. The Catholic Church has a lot of work to do, but there are good, heroic people within its membership who desire to advocate for victims of sexual abuse and to change the structures that allowed this Abuse of Trust to occur.

Taking on a still-controversial topic, a diverse group of experts, including victims and clergy, offers reflections on the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, examining what the church has done—and what it still needs to do—to protect children.

Comments The following are unsolicited comments. Only a first name was used and may be a pseudonym for the victim who wrote the comment after reading my poems. This is typical behavior when dealing with survivors. I want you to carry the warm glow of knowing you done real good there with you all day. Now, get that book out there for all those other people who need it, already. Alexandra! May I say again, Vinnie, thank you--for your talents and support. I've read several of the poems and I must say that I admire anyone who can put into print and art feelings regarding sexual

abuse. Garnett I am grateful that you are able to put into words what I have been having difficulty expressing to the point of tears. I hope that, in sharing your words, it will release others' suffering. Thanks, Sue I was surfing and ran across your poetry and artwork. It is so undescrivable. I want to say awesome and deep and well written, but that sounds so trivial because of the pain it shelters. I can really relate to the first poem, "Paradox of the Abused." Sheila Description The poems in "Silent Screams" have helped survivors on their road to healing. Some of these poems were written to help the author get over his own anger, frustration and pain. Others were written specifically to help survivors he has met on Internet Survivor Sites get over theirs. It was the moving survivor's responses to these poems that led to the publication of this book. There are two reasons for the existence of Silent Screams: 1. To help survivors and their families on their long arduous road to recovery. 2. To create a permanent record of the pain and suffering of those who have had the misfortune of being sexually abused. "Silent Screams", Poetry Born of Clergy Abuse is destined to become a permanent witness to the devastating effects of clergy abuse. It takes to task the evil of the priests who purported to dedicate their lives to God and the hypocrisy of the church that protected them. The poetry alternates between riveting satire and a uniquely honest portrayal of the pain and anguish suffered by survivors of clerical sexual abuse. These poems offer no excuses; they make no apologies and take no prisoners when dealing with the Catholic Church and the Clergy Sexual Abuse Scandal. Silent Screams rips open the curtain of silence surrounding survivors thereby exposing their deep wounds and terrible suffering. The poetry exudes gut wrenching emotion as it deals with the anger generated by pain, the devastating impact of the survivor's suffering and its effects on victims and their families. There is compassion and tenderness for the victims and an ample dose of contempt for those who would cover-up the crimes committed by priests. Through his poetry, Nauheimer offers a unique insight into the emotional upheaval caused by clerical sexual abuse. He has put that pain into words for all to witness. One poem will shine a spotlight on a tortured soul while another will let you experience the heartbreaking lament of a parent over their child's suffering and the next will upbraid the church in focused satirical rhyme rarely seen. Powerful emotions are stirred whether the author is firing a canon loaded with satire against the church or allowing the reader to glimpse the incredible anguish experienced by the tortured soul called a survivor. Either way, this poetry will move you. This is must read for survivors of clergy abuse, their families, and friends. It should be mandatory for all clergy and it is certainly a worthwhile read for anyone with more than a passing interest in the effects of clerical sexual abuse. The clergy sex abuse scandal and its ongoing fallout have created the

greatest crisis in the history of the American Catholic Church. Yet for well over a thousand years, the Church has recognized the problem of clerical abuse of children and has maintained strict canonical punishments for perpetrators, including expulsion from the clerical state. So why did Church leaders favor therapeutic solutions over the provisions of canon law in dealing with decades of abuse? This ground-breaking analysis of the Church's response to the abuse crisis addresses that very question and engages in a vigorous assessment of the Church's failures in the light of its own canon law. The author, a civil and canon lawyer, summarizes the history of clerical sexual abuse, from the New Testament era to modern times. He describes the major cases that brought the problem to the forefront in the United States. He goes on to explain why most bishops decided to take the "therapeutic option" when dealing with abusive priests, rather than subjecting abusers to proper canonical punishments that might have brought the cases to light and resulted in greater sensitivity to the victims themselves. Finally, the author explains what the Church must learn from the abuse crisis. Insightfully written and thoroughly annotated, BEFORE DALLAS will become the accepted reference work on the Church's legal response to clerical sexual abuse, and an indispensable guide for preventing the tragedy from happening again. It will be essential reading for church historians, canonists, clergy, and all those interested in the future welfare of the Church and her faithful.

Silent Screams

Sin Against the Innocents

Abuse of Trust

A Crisis for the Church

A Decade of Crisis, 2002-2012

Predatory Priests, Silenced Victims

Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: A Decade of Crisis, 2002–2012

The prevalence of the sexual abuse of children by Catholic clergy and its shocking cover-up by church officials have obscured the largely untold story of the tort system's remarkable success in bringing the scandal to light. The lessons of clergy sexual abuse litigation give us reason to reconsider the case for tort reform and to look more closely at how tort litigation can enhance the performance of public and private policymaking institutions.

Taking on a still-controversial topic, a diverse group of experts, including victims and clergy, offers reflections on the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, examining what the church has done—and what it still needs to do—to protect children. • Contributions from 20 leading experts on sexual abuse of children by Catholic clergy, including a federal judge; a social worker; a priest; a bishop; prominent psychologists; and professors of law, crime, and sociology

Presents the firsthand stories of priest child abusers in their own words, revealing their struggles with anger, repentance, and self-delusion while sharing insight into

the sources of their abusive behaviors, in a volume that also shares the stories of abuse survivors and their journeys toward healing. Original.

An inside look at the reasons Catholic priests and nuns commit sexual abuse Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism digs beneath the public scandals to explore the underlying causes of sexual abuse by priests and nuns from the unique perspective of an abuse victim/survivor who is an experienced mental health practitioner and social science researcher. This powerful book includes the author's personal account of sexual abuse by a nun and her years of struggle to recover. Passionate but scholarly and objective, the book advocates the need for healing dialogue, empirical research, and informed prevention strategies to bring a meaningful resolution to the crisis of sexual abuse in the church. Popular explanations for the reasons behind the crisis have included issues related to celibacy, homosexuality, the power structure of the church, and poor seminary screening practices. But none of these theories are supported by research nor can they explain why Catholic priests and nuns may be more likely to abuse children than other adults in positions of trust. Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism uses a complex, systemic approach to draw parallels between the church as a human system and a family that has experienced incest, presenting a model for a sexual trauma cycle in the church based on systemic sexual shame passed down through the beliefs and practices of Catholicism. Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism examines: the prevalence and characteristics of sexual abuse by Catholic priests and nuns compared to sex offenders in the general population celibacy, homosexuality, and the power structure of the church as contributing factors in the sexual abuse crisis an analogy of the church as a family in which incest occurs the effects and causes of sexual offending from one generation to the next how current research on sexual offending applies to sexual abuse by priests and nuns healing and empowerment for those affected by religious-based sexual trauma reform and renewal within the Catholic Church and much more Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism is a unique and important resource for clergy, religious order, and lay leaders in the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations; social science researchers; social workers and mental health professionals; lay and religious members of the Catholic Church; and anyone recovering from religious-based sexual trauma.

Women Recovering from Clergy Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse by Clergy

Betrayal and Recovery

Sexual Abuse by Priests and the Role of the Catholic Church

Stories of Pain, Hope, and Healing from Clerical Abuse Survivors and Abusers

For Christ's Sake

Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism

Sexual abuse within the Catholic Church has been nothing short of an epidemic of catastrophic proportions. The devastation of victims, the ruination of priests and religious, the damage of a major world

religion and its faithful are horrendous and incalculable. In the current social environment—that includes the Royal Commission into Institutionalised Sexual Abuse of Children—this is the book that had to happen. This is the book, written by an 'insider', designed to move the Church back into the hands of the millions of shocked and bewildered Catholics throughout the world who are saying: enough is enough. Bishop Geoffrey Robinson states that there are three major tasks to be performed in eradicating sexual abuse from the Church: identifying and removing all offenders; reaching out to, and assisting, all victims/survivors; and identifying and overcoming the causes of both abuse and the poor response of the Church's hierarchy. Bishop Robinson has been involved in the first two of these three fields for eighteen years, and he firmly believes there is a crying need to address the third element—preventing abuse from happening in the first place—and in so doing, ending systemic sexual abuse in the Catholic Church... for good! This 'pull no punches' book sets out a clear action plan for the Catholic Church to adopt if it is sincere in wanting to eradicate sexual abuse. It is a call to a new Pope to seize the opportunity of his appointment to not only sweep the Church clean of abuse, but to put His house in order for all time. Bishop Robinson calls for nothing less than a Council of the whole Church, inclusive of the laity, to confront the issues raised in the book.

The authors present a disturbing survey of sexual abuse of children by the Catholic Church that stretches back to the origins of the Church, culling official and unofficial documents for evidence of these horrific crimes.

A sweeping account of the dynamics of sexual abuse by priests and its cover-up.

Legal disputes over worldwide, including the U.S., sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests, and over efforts by Roman Catholic bishops to conceal clerical misconduct, have produced many headlines and public discussion. However, the precise legal issues involved remain a mystery to most observers. In this study, James O'Reilly and Margaret Chalmers examine the role of canon law in these cases and the interplay between the global church-based law and the laws of individual jurisdictions where criminal actions and lawsuits are brought.

Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

A Gospel of Shame

Potiphar's Wife

Sodomy, Scandal, and the Medieval Clergy

Catholic Priests and the Sexual Abuse of Children

Healing from Clerical Sexual Abuse

Perversion of Power

It started with a Tootsie Roll. The day then-18-year-old Faith Hakesley was to testify in court against the well-liked Catholic priest who had raped her, a court guard pressed a Tootsie Roll into her hand. It was the first glimmer. The little piece of candy reminded her of the Scripture about "faith the size of a mustard

seed," and this bit of encouragement, by way of the guard, but really from God, gave her the courage she needed to endure the trial. In *Glimmers of Grace: Moments of Peace and Healing Following Sexual Abuse*, Faith shares what she has learned about the gifts God wants to give victims throughout their journey of healing. Practical, personal, and versatile, *Glimmers of Grace* accompanies readers step by step from acceptance to true freedom. In each reflection, you'll explore the healing gifts God offers, including: Hope Kindness Perseverance Self-compassion Joy Each reflection includes a gratitude prompt, positive affirmation, achievable to-dos, and journaling questions to help you embrace each gift. Like Faith, you can learn, slowly but surely, to see where and how God is speaking to you and find hope and healing after sexual abuse. *Glimmers of Grace* can also help spouses, friends, loved ones, or anyone who works with abuse victims gain perspective and understanding. ABOUT THE AUTHOR Faith Hakesley is a wife, homeschooling mother of three, and blogger. In 2008, she was one of five victims of clerical abuse to meet privately with Pope Benedict XVI during his trip to Washington, D.C. She is passionate about sharing her personal story of healing in order to offer hope, healing, and peace to those who are suffering. Visit her website www.faithhakesley.com for more information.

A book about what we know about sexual abuse by clergy and what we can do about it.

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