

Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain

The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

Priestly Abuse of Nuns is *Not* a Thing of the Past!

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Over the years there have been ignorant Protestants, wise in their own conceits, who have indignantly said, “Oh, all those tall tales about priests abusing and raping nuns – they’re just sensationalist anti-Catholic horror stories! They’re not true.” Others, only slightly less ignorant, have said, “Yes, that sort of thing may have happened in the past, in the Dark Ages, but it doesn’t happen today.” Such statements are usually made by ecumenical “love gospel Evangelicals” who believe that Roman Catholics are their brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we should all just “preach Jesus and His love”. As far as they are concerned, anyone who exposes such things is an unloving scaremonger, a dinosaur out of touch with the great “revival” we’re all supposed to be experiencing.

The Vatican’s ecumenical machine has really done a number on them.

For the plain truth of the matter is that priests of Rome *today* are not only sexually abusing boys and girls by the tens of thousands throughout the world, but are still doing what priests have done through the centuries: they are using convents as their own private brothels, sexually abusing nuns and then threatening to harm them – and actually doing so – if they dare to speak up. It goes on all the time, all over the world, just as it always has. What ex-priest Charles Chiniquy wrote about in his book, *The Priest, the Woman, and the Confessional*;¹ what ex-nun Maria Monk wrote about in her autobiography, *Awful Disclosures of Maria Monk*;² what ex-nun Margaret L. Shepherd wrote about in her autobiography, *My Life in the Convent*;³ and what so many other nuns wrote about in times past – it is all happening *today*, just as it did in theirs. Thousands of such cases have occurred.

Man’s depraved nature does not change merely because he lives in modern times! Priests have the same sinful natures as other men – *and* they are forbidden to marry by the doctrines of the Papal system. They have to take a vow of perpetual celibacy. This vow is both unnatural and unbiblical, a doctrine of devils indeed (1 Tim. 4:1-3; 1 Cor. 7:1-5,9), and it leads to all kinds of sexual sins and abominations: sodomy between priests; child sexual abuse by priests; affairs between priests and women, usually begun in the confessional; affairs between priests and nuns; and last but not least, the abuse and rape of nuns by priests.

A 1994 Study into Priestly Sexual Abuse of Nuns

In 1994 a nun named Maura O’Donoghue carried out what was at the time a groundbreaking study into the abuse of nuns by priests in countries as diverse as Botswana, Burundi, Colombia, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Tonga, Uganda, the USA, Zambia, Zaire and Zimbabwe.⁴

She referred to a case in 1988 in Malawi, where the mother superior of a convent was dismissed by a bishop because she complained that *diocesan priests had impregnated 29 nuns*.

And people still ignorantly and dogmatically say, “Oh, that sort of thing doesn’t happen anymore, if it ever did!”

Study by Monks and Nuns in Latin America Reveals Shocking Figures

The Commission for the Care and Protection of Girls, Boys, Adolescents and Vulnerable Adults of the Latin American Confederation of Religious Men and Women [i.e. monks and nuns] carried out a

study,⁵ which revealed some shocking figures:

55.2% of nuns said they had experienced abuse of power by superiors and priests;

14.3% of nuns said they had been sexually abused by a priest;

9.7% said they had been abused by a “layman”;

8% said they had been abused by other nuns.

Think about these figures, and weep! Weep for the poor, deluded Roman Catholic women who enter convent life, falsely but sincerely believing they are serving God by doing so, only to be abused, either by some priest whom they have been taught to regard as “another Christ”, or even by some nun in the convent with them! Lesbianism is rife in Roman Catholic convents, as is all kinds of other physical abuse.

Nun’s Doctoral Dissertation on Priestly Sexual Abuse of Nuns in Africa

Mary Lembo, a nun with the order known as the Sisters of St. Catherine of Alexandria and a lecturer at the Pontifical Gregorian University, completed her doctoral dissertation on the widespread sexual abuse of nuns by priests in Africa. It was entitled *Abused Religious in Africa: Telling the Truth*. She said, “Most often, the bishops support the priests. The laity spy on the movements of the nun; they know and say nothing. No one dares to say anything about the priests. In some communities [convents], the superiors are not able to handle these situations.”⁶

In 2003 priests in South Africa admitted their sexual misconduct against nuns, which at times resulted in the nuns falling pregnant.⁷

Former Nun Speaks Out about the Rape of Nuns by Priests

In 2022 Dr Doris Reisinger, a former nun, said, “It is common for charismatic religious men [i.e. priests] to abuse women religious [i.e. nuns], to become sexually aggressive as spiritual guides or father confessors, even to the point of sexual ‘relationships,’ and that the male religious orders know about it and find nothing wrong with it.”⁸ She knows this first-hand: she entered a convent at the age of 19 and was raped by a priest.

What a damning indictment of the modern Roman Catholic priesthood! The sexual abuse of nuns by priests is *common*, and nothing is done about it by the priestly orders! Indeed, “the hierarchy often responds to women who report priests for abusing their authority over them by blaming the woman for seducing the priest, or minimizing the event as a mere ‘mistake’ or ‘boundary violation’ by an otherwise holy priest, without considering the devastating trauma such abuse can have on the woman,” said Sara Larson, executive director of Awake, a US support group for Roman Catholic abuse survivors.⁹

Although Reisinger reported her own abuse by a priest when she was a nun, the Vatican found that there was no “absolute moral certainty” to her claim and absolved the priest. She was solicited for sex in the confessional by priest Hermann Geissler, a former member of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. He denied the allegation, but left the dicastery after the incident became public. In May 2019 five judges of the Vatican’s supreme tribunal decided that he would not be tried.¹⁰

Francis, the Modern Inquisition, and the Priestly Abuse of Nuns

In 2019 Francis I admitted the problem of the abuse of nuns by priests. He even admitted that in at least one case, nuns were kept as sex slaves for the priests (*one* case? there are thousands!). And he also stated that his predecessor, Benedict XVI, was forced to close an entire congregation of nuns because they were suffering abuse from priests!¹¹

In 2023 the Vatican’s Inquisition, now known as the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, dismissed a prominent French friar, Benoît-Emmanuel Peltreueau-Villeneuve, from the priesthood for sexually abusing several nuns and other women. He was a member of a religious community known as the “Brothers of St John,” who said in a statement that they stood “ashamed” before the abused

women. “The facts alleged against Benoît Peltureau-Villeneuve are numerous and serious,” said the statement.¹²

However, the order of the Brothers of St John, which exists in 30 countries, has a history of sexual abuse! In fact, the very founder of the order, priest Marie-Dominique Philippe, and his brother Thomas (also a priest), were sexual abusers! His own order denounced Marie-Dominique Philippe for his abuse of many women, including a Carmelite nun. And he swept the abuse of nuns and other women by his brother under the carpet. But in 2019 the order admitted that 27 other “brothers” had committed sexual abuse against adults, and six against children. Benoît Peltureau-Villeneuve was one of them, the order claiming that it had specific knowledge of four victims of his, including two nuns.

Sophie Ducrey, a nun in the community of the Sisters of St John, which Philippe also founded as a sister-community to the Brothers of St John, wrote a book with a title which in English translates as, *Choked. Account of Spiritual and Sexual Abuse. Testimony*. Marie-Dominique Philippe sexually abused her from the age of 18. “In the community of St John, we do not criticise,” she wrote. “We just follow, blindly, the teachings of Father, the founder. He would say things like, “Be like Mary who said yes to everything, even before understanding.” Thus spiritual compliance was used to enable sexual abuse. Another ex-nun of the Sisters of St John, Marie-Laure Janssens, also testified of the abuse in her book, *The Silence of the Virgin. Spiritual Abuse, Sectarian Excesses: a Former Nun Testifies*.

And Yet Francis Protected His Friend, Jesuit Sexual Predator Marko Rupnik!

Despite being accused of abusing *at least 20 nuns* in Slovenia and Italy, Marko Rupnik, a Jesuit and a personal friend of the Roman pope’s, was protected by him. See my article entitled *The Horrific Abuse of Nuns by a Jesuit Priest-Artist*.¹³

Yes, priestly sexual abuse of nuns is widespread within the priesthood.

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; *forbidding to marry...*” (1 Tim. 4:1-3).

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