

# **Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain**

*The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News*

## **USA, Bolivia, Spain: the Evidence of Priestly Abuse of Children Continues to Stack Up**

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First, the reader is urged to review the shocking revelations of the priestly sexual abuse of children which have come to light in more recent times, as documented in a number of articles of mine through the years, all of which are available on the Bible Based Ministries website:

\* *Child Sexual Abuse by Priests: Revelations of Shocking Crimes and Sinful Cover-Ups*. An overall summary of the priestly sex abuse scandals that had rocked the Papal system up to 2004, in many countries of the world.

\* *The Massive Scale of Child Abuse by Priests in Ireland*. This was revealed in a very extensive report by a commission established by the Irish government and published in 2009.

\* *The Most Comprehensive Indictment Yet of Priestly Sex Abuse*. The 2018 Pennsylvania grand jury report which revealed that over 300 priests had abused over 1000 children in Pennsylvania, USA.

\* *330 000 Child Victims of Predator Priests (and Nuns) in France*. A massive 2021 report on the sexual abuse of children by priests and nuns in France.

Go to this link to read these articles: <https://www.biblebasedministries.co.uk/category/rome/priestly-sexual-abuse/>

And now – mid-2023 – there are *three more reports*. These are from Illinois, USA; Bolivia; and Spain. The evidence for these monstrous crimes against children, these sins that cry out for the vengeance of God, just continues to stack up.

### **Illinois, United States**

In May 2023, an explosive report on the sexual abuse of children by Roman Catholic priests in Illinois, USA, was released by the Illinois attorney general. 696 pages in length and entitled “Report on Catholic Clergy Child Sex Abuse in Illinois,” it reveals that there were almost 2000 child victims of these predator priests from 1950 to 2019. It states that “horrificing, criminal, and unconscionable acts were inflicted upon survivors.”<sup>1</sup>

Kwame Raoul, the Illinois attorney general, commented: “Before this investigation, the Catholic dioceses of Illinois publicly listed only 103 substantiated child sex abusers. By comparison, this report reveals names and detailed information of 451 Catholic clerics and religious brothers who abused at least 1,997 children across all the dioceses in Illinois.”

He went on: “Decades of Catholic leadership decisions and policies have allowed known child sex abusers to hide, often in plain sight. And because the statute of limitations has frequently expired, many survivors of child sex abuse at the hands of Catholic clerics will never see justice in a legal sense. It is my hope that this report will shine light both on those who violated their positions of power and trust to abuse innocent children, and on the men in church leadership who covered up that abuse. These perpetrators may never be held accountable in a court of law, but by naming them here, the intention is to provide a public accountability and a measure of healing to survivors who have long suffered in silence.”

The report itself stated: “To their credit, the Illinois Dioceses worked closely with the Attorney General’s investigators in an effort to understand the Attorney General’s concerns – and, most importantly, their effect on survivors, both those who have come forward and those who, for whatever reason, have not. As a result, the dioceses revised certain policies to eliminate, or at least reduce, the negative effects of prior policies on survivors.”

*To their credit?* I don’t think so. They only “worked closely” with the investigators *once they had to*, and not a moment before. If there had been no investigation, the Romish bishops would have taken no action at all. The priests would simply have continued to abuse children without any fear of consequences.

Even when the report was released and the evidence was there for the world to see – even then, a Romish cardinal, Blase Cupich, said, “The Catholic Church in Illinois has been at the forefront of dealing with sexual abuse of minors for many years.” He just couldn’t resist trying to make his vile “Church” look good. But if indeed the Illinois Roman Catholic “Church” was at the forefront of dealing with this terrible sin, why – by its own admission – did it only do so during the past four years, and only – also by its own admission – at the prompting of the attorney general? Here is the wording of what the dioceses themselves stated (italics added): “*Over the past four years* [hardly “many years”, as the cardinal claimed], the Illinois dioceses have worked with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General to improve the transparency and effectiveness of their policies. *Prompted by the Attorney General’s investigation*, the dioceses have critically reviewed current policies and implemented certain recommended changes to their existing reporting to the public to further increase transparency.” Why only act when “prompted” to do so by the attorney-general? The answer is obvious.

Interestingly, it was Illinois where the great ex-priest of Rome, Charles Chiniquy, who was converted to Christ and left Rome, becoming a Gospel preacher, had served his false “Church” for so many years. Back then (the nineteenth century), Illinois Roman Catholics were fanatically devoted to their priests. How times have changed.

## Bolivia

In 2023 there have been a number of exposés of priests sexually abusing children in Bolivia, which have left the predominantly Roman Catholic nation reeling in shock.<sup>2</sup>

It began when it came to light that a Jesuit priest in Bolivia, Alfonso Pedrajas Moreno, left behind a diary in which he recorded his sexual abuse of at least 85 children, seminarians and male students. When his nephew brought the diary to the attention of the Jesuit authorities in Spain and Bolivia, they refused to do anything about it. It was only after the Spanish media reported the matter that the Jesuits suspended eight former provincials accused of a cover-up. Otherwise they would still be covering it up. In fact, what this priest had done was covered up at the highest levels of the Jesuit Order in Rome, by Jesuits with close connections to the Jesuit pope, Francis I, himself.

Next, former students testified that they had been abused by two Jesuit teachers, companions of priest Alfonso Pedrajas Moreno. One of them, Francesc Peris, had a well-known and decades-long reputation among pupils for abusing young girls. In 2005 he was removed from the school by the Jesuit Order for “inappropriate conduct” towards a female student. But he was reinstated.

Students and former seminarians in Bolivia and Spain also testified that they had been abused by four other Jesuits, one of whom was a bishop. This one, Alejandro Mestre, had been the archbishop emeritus of La Paz, Bolivia, and former secretary of the Bolivian bishops’ conference. He was accused of the homosexual rape of a sixth-grade student at a school where he was a teacher and priest.

Another of the four, Luis Tó Gonzalez, was accused by former female students in Spain of being a “compulsive predator”, something which was well known at the school. In 1992 he was sentenced to two years in prison for the abuse of an eight-year-old girl. But the Jesuit Order transferred him to Bolivia and covered up the abuse. In Bolivia he repeated the abuse of girls.

And another of the four, known as “Lucho” Roma, came from Spain and spent decades in Bolivia, where it was discovered that he had photographed and written about his abuse of boys and girls between the ages of six and 12, and that he kept this information on a CD. There were photos of naked

under-aged children. A fellow Jesuit, who was expelled from the Order, found the CD and gave it to a journalist, who published it.

But the abusers are not only Jesuits, of course. In May 2023 Bolivian police arrested a Carmelite priest, Milton Murillo, for abusing at least 30 seminarians while he was administrator of a Romish seminary. Originally, when the seminarians complained about him, he was sent to Rome by his superiors “as punishment”. But later he was sent back to Bolivia and became a parish priest, where he was arrested.

Seminarians attempted to report Murillo to the Carmelite superior, Garvin Grech. But Grech was himself reported for alleged abuse by a seminarian, and was also accused by his own secretary of having a man as his partner. He fled to Argentina hours after Murillo’s arrest.

As these revelations of the filthy goings-on of predator priests swept across Bolivia, Bolivian President Luis Arce expressed his “shock and outrage” and demanded that Francis I instruct the Bolivian priestly hierarchy to release secret diocesan files on priests who had committed sexual abuse. Arce added that he would create a Truth Commission to investigate the crimes, which the local priesthood had covered up with “unacceptable indifference and indolence” by their “complicit silence.” He also threatened to restrict the entry of foreign priests into the country.

Francis dispatched a monsignor, a top official of the Vatican’s Inquisition (the so-called Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith), to Bolivia to handle the ‘explosion’ of abuse cases occurring there. This man, Jordi Bertomeu, previously led investigations into abuses committed by priests against minors in Paraguay and Chile. It truly is a worldwide phenomenon.

## Spain

The report into child sexual abuse by priests and non-priestly staff in Spain was conducted by the Spanish Roman Catholic institution itself, so we can expect it to be far from exhaustive or honest. Nevertheless, the evidence was so overwhelming that by the end of May 2023 even this report had identified 728 alleged abusers and 927 victims since the 1940s.<sup>3</sup> Considering that the report spans some eight decades, these numbers are almost certainly far lower than the reality.

The spokesman for the Spanish bishops’ conference said, “We acknowledge the harm caused. We want to help all victims... to accompany them in their healing.” As always, such words drip insincerity from every syllable. When many hundreds of abusers were priests themselves or on their staff, who in his right mind would actually trust any other priest, or grouping of priests, to “accompany them in their healing”? If 728 men were identified in one country alone, how many more were *not* identified? How could anyone be sure that the priest “accompanying” him was not also an abuser? Remember the fox guarding the henhouse? Well, this is a case of a fox saying to the hens, “Yes, I acknowledge that other foxes harmed you in the past, but you can trust *me* to look after you!” Incredibly, as has happened in one country after another, there will be those deluded Roman Catholics who will actually believe the fox.

The spokesman went on to say, “We want to know what went wrong in the selection of candidates for the priesthood, what went wrong during their training... what has led a person who decided to give himself to God, to give himself to sexual abuse.” Here’s the answer for this poor deluded man: from the Spanish Roman Catholic hierarchy’s perspective nothing went wrong, because nothing was actually done when the candidates for the priesthood were selected! From the Spanish hierarchy’s perspective nothing went wrong, because they, like their counterparts the world over, *have no problem* with priests who are sexual predators! Sexual crimes in the priesthood are centuries and centuries old. Whether it is the sexual abuse of women, girls, boys, or men, it has gone on for centuries and it is so rife throughout the Romish priesthood that a great many of the very men tasked with selecting candidates for the priesthood are sexual predators themselves – and only too happy to welcome new recruits into the priesthood with them.

Tragically, the very heart of the matter is this: far from being “a person who decided to give himself to God”, as the spokesman said, each and every man who becomes a Roman Catholic priest is a lost man, an unregenerate man, an unconverted man, not in any sense a true Christian. For Romanism is false “Christianity”, and its priests are false ministers of Christ but true ministers of Satan (though most do not know it). They simply *cannot* serve God as priests because the priesthood is not of God, the religion of Romanism is not of God, and they themselves are strangers to God.

## Conclusion

Time have certainly changed. Even Roman Catholic nations and their leaders are turning against the priesthood: France, Spain, Bolivia, Argentina, even Ireland and Malta. Oh, the Papacy still wields immense global power; but no longer do many of the world’s Roman Catholic leaders or the Roman Catholic citizens of their countries give blind obedience to their priests in everything. There was a time, only a couple of decades ago, when Roman Catholic leaders and people would lie for, cover up for, and defend their priests no matter what they did. But a change has taken place. There was a time when a president of a Roman Catholic country would *never* criticise the pope and his priestly army as Bolivia’s president just did – it would be political suicide for him. There was a time when even attorney generals in the US would tread very, very carefully when it came to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. But no more.

Astoundingly, in this day and age of anything-goes sexual freedom, the one sexual sin which still horrifies and angers the public is the abuse of children. And the utter disgust for the vast numbers of Popish priests who are guilty of this abomination is so great that I truly believe, given the period of prophetic history in which we live according to the book of Revelation, that this abomination will in all likelihood prove to be one of the major catalysts leading to the eventual *destruction* of Rome and the Papal system, as prophesied by the Lord.

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