

New Child Abuse Charges

Commentary for August 17, 2018 — Pennsylvania Roman Catholic Child Abuse

A *Wall Street Journal* article, "[Pennsylvania Report Alleges Child Sex Abuse by More Than 300 Priests](#)" (accessed August 14, 2018) gives details on a public grand jury report of widespread child abuse within six of eight Roman Catholic Pennsylvania dioceses dating back to the 1940s. The report was made public by the office of the Pennsylvania Attorney General. Much of the report is based on data from the Catholic Church's own records.

Earlier grand jury reports told of similar abuse of children in the other two Philadelphia and Altoona-Johnstown dioceses. See also "[Pennsylvania report reveals harrowing record of abuse in six dioceses](#)" in the August 14, 2018 *Catholic Herald*.

This latest report involves 300 priests and 1,000 victims over 70 years. The number of victims is likely understated because victims often do not report abuse. The abuse and cover-up involved priests, bishops, archbishops, and cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church.

In March 3, 2016 the *Washington Post* published an article about the earlier Pennsylvania abuses: "['Payout chart' for molestation: Secret archive held chilling details of clergy abuse](#)" and the May 31, 2018 *USA Today* article, "[Clergy to pay \\$210 million to 450 Catholic priest sex abuse victims](#)". Compiled judgments in "[Settlements and bankruptcies in Catholic sex abuse cases - Wikipedia](#)" (accessed August 14, 2018), show that \$1.2 billion covering 15 years from 1994–2009 were paid out in judgments. This judgment figure is just for the United States..

This latest report validates a fictional account of child abuse, cover-up, and even human sacrifice by Roman Catholic priests and hierarchy in a public warning by Vatican insider and former Jesuit priest Malachi Martin in his 1996 novel *Windswept House*. The identities of major characters and perpetrators were hidden by the use of fictional names. Malachi Martin in an interview "[WINDSWEPT HOUSE, a Vatican 'faction', not fiction - Free Republic](#)" described his book as containing "**real events and real people masked in the form of a novel.**" The characters in the novel are identified in the webpages "[A Key to the Characters in Fr. Malachi Martin's Windswept House,](#)" and "[Who's Who in WINDSWEPT HOUSE.](#)"

The culture of the institutional Roman Catholic Church is certainly sick and warped. Leaders of other Christian organizations are just as evil in their actions, but the Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world, so their actions are perpetrated on a larger scale, and have been revealed, eventually, on a regular basis.

Biblical Connections

In the Book of Deuteronomy rape is a capital offense likened to murder (Deuteronomy 22:25–29). Jesus talks about how "**little ones**" should be treated in Matthew 10:42, 18:6,

10, 14; Mark 9:42; and Luke 17:2, and alludes to serious punishments. It will not be pleasant for those who abuse and mistreat children. Those who help children will be rewarded. By extension this probably refers to those who are **"little ones"** in the faith.

The apostle John referred to Jewish believers as **"little children"** indicating their innocence in the world (1 John 2:1, 12–13, 18, 28, 3:7, 18, 4:4 and 5:21). The apostle Paul writes about teachers who even in his day abused young women in the *ekklesia*:

"Now this know, that in the last days perilous periods will be present, for men will be selfish, fond of money, ostentatious, proud, calumniators, stubborn to parents, ungrateful, malign, without natural affection, implacable, adversaries, uncontrollable, fierce, averse to the good, traitors, rash, conceited, fond of their own gratification rather than fond of God; having a form of devoutness, yet denying its power. These, also, shun.

For of these are those who are slipping into homes and are leading into captivity little women, heaped with sins, [the men] being led by various lusts and gratifications, always learning and yet not at any time able to come into a realization of the truth."

• 2 Timothy 3:1–7, Concordant Literal Version

The words **"little women"** could refer to young girls approaching marrying age or young wives in New Testament times.

The Future of the Roman Catholic Church?

The Roman Catholic Church is beginning to teach what they have known for generations. Since Vatican II they have been s-l-o-w-l-y introducing the biblical teaching of universal salvation, although that salvation could only come through their denomination.¹ It will not save the Catholic Church financially.

In my August 2015 Commentary "[Some Cultures Should Die](#)," I presented the case that some cultures in the past constantly produced great evil. That evil increased until God decided to end their lifespan of rule, control, or influence over others. Some institutions should die just as exceptionally evil cultures should die, so the people can live with minimal safety without abuse.

I believe the Roman Catholic Church will financially implode and decline in the future. Why? The United States is the financial support for the Catholic Church worldwide. It will be unable to pay its financial obligations if contributions cease from the United States. Billions of dollars have been paid out in various costs related to abuse by Roman Catholic leaders. Supporters will refuse to contribute their money just to see it wasted in court costs, payments to victims, while the perpetrators of the abuse transfer to other positions to avoid or delay rightful prosecution.

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¹ See my article "[Modern Recognition of Universal Salvation](#)," particularly the section "[BOOK: Jesus Christ: Salvation of All](#)" on the modern initiative to teach universal salvation in the Catholic Church that began at Vatican II.