Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church in Arizona
The next 15 minutes

- Introduce SNAP
- **Bishop Accountability Database and Archive**
- A smattering of quotes – from lawmakers and one frightened Catholic pew sitter
- The basic need – mapping the problem
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Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP)

- Founded in 1988
- 25,000 survivors and supporters in our network
- Peer support network – survivors supporting survivors
- Donor supported non-profit
- Over 120 local volunteer leaders except for a 4 person national staff
- Chapters and volunteer leaders across the country and around the world
- Chapters and volunteer leaders in Arizona State: http://www.snapnetwork.org/arizona
- Focused on survivor support, advocacy, and prevention.
Statements Highlighting Need for Secular Investigations of Catholic Church

- **Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice, interim chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops study on nationwide clerical sexual abuse in 2002, devout Catholic and mother of five**
  
  “I wasn’t shocked. Not at all. ... I think every state should convene a grand jury into this culture of secrecy that protected offenders at all costs. ... It was happening in Chicago, but we had to rely on files the bishops were willing to give us — and we knew there had to be more, but we had no subpoena powers. ... We had no government authority!” [https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-anne-burke-calls-grand-jury/](https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-anne-burke-calls-grand-jury/)

- **Nancy Skinner, California State Senator:**

  “We don’t know if abuse in California was to the extent it was in Pennsylvania ... but certainly with the history of cover up by the church, it’s certainly appropriate to have our attorney general look into it.” [https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/18/priest-abuse-bay-area-pols-call-for-statewide-probe-of-catholic-church/](https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/18/priest-abuse-bay-area-pols-call-for-statewide-probe-of-catholic-church/)

- **Josh Shapiro, Attorney General of Pennsylvania:**

  “There are specific examples where when the abuse occurred, the priests would go, the bishops would go and lie to parishioners, lie to law enforcement, lie to the public, but then document all the abuse in secret archives that they would share oftentimes with the Vatican. ... There are specific examples where the Vatican knew of this abuse and they were involved in the cover-up.” [https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pennsylvania-religion-sexcrimes/vatican-knew-of-pennsylvania-sex-abuse-cover-up-prosecutor-says-idUSKCN1LD2KL](https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pennsylvania-religion-sexcrimes/vatican-knew-of-pennsylvania-sex-abuse-cover-up-prosecutor-says-idUSKCN1LD2KL)

- **A fearful and anonymous speaker at a San Jose Diocese listening session on 9/22/18 responding to the Diocese’s proposal to investigate itself:**

  “There are a lot of people who aren’t here for a lot of reasons. ... The church knows how to play these games and how to silence people before they speak up. I think this is just another one of their games.” [https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/22/horrified-parishioners-blast-san-jose-diocese-catholic-church-over-sexual-abuse-allegations/](https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/09/22/horrified-parishioners-blast-san-jose-diocese-catholic-church-over-sexual-abuse-allegations/)
Child Sexual Abuse: Disclosure and Consequences

- Only one in 10 children disclose. More than 2/5 of women and more than 1/3 of men never disclose. [https://stopthesilence.org/the-issue/](https://stopthesilence.org/the-issue/)
- Studies show that the average age to disclose is 52, with the median age of 48. [https://www.childusa.org/sol/](https://www.childusa.org/sol/)
- CSA often has extremely severe consequences, including:
  - Depression, anxiety, PTSD, and other psychological problems
  - Anti-social behaviors
  - Decreased school performance and delinquency
  - Substance abuse
  - Promiscuity
  - Teen pregnancy
  - Sexually transmitted infections and diseases, including HIV
  - Prostitution
  - Homicide and suicide
  - Incarceration
  - Chronic disease

[https://stopthesilence.org/the-issue/](https://stopthesilence.org/the-issue/)
Why an Arizona Investigation Is Necessary

- Secular, subpoena empowered investigations have the potential to:
  ~Bring out the wounded who can then start to heal
  ~Protect the vulnerable
  ~Identify priests who engage in criminal behavior and the enablers shielding them from accountability for their crimes
  ~Spur the reporting of sex crimes that can be prosecuted
  ~Deter wrongdoers

- The Catholic Church is the largest organization in the world, with outposts across the globe. Perpetrators often cross state and national boundaries. Some have gone to Arizona after abusing elsewhere. Some escape to other states. 50 abusers from PA wound up in 24 different states and 3 foreign countries. This pattern repeats with every investigation.

- The Church has opposed laws that would help survivors heal and would expose hidden predators. SNAP believes that if the full extent of the abuse that is happening or has occurred in Arizona were known, this knowledge would spur legislators and the public to enact these laws.
Statistical Evidence is Mounting

- Previously, 11 Dioceses have been investigated yielding useful metrics for examining and estimating abuse.
  
  **8.5% of Catholic clergy commit crimes against minors**

- Arizona’s statewide population is 19% catholic – nearly 1.3 million in all (This Catholic total includes a small part of the Gallup Diocese that crosses into New Mexico.)

- Arizona contains approx. 246 parishes – about 5,000 parishioners per parish – about 2,000 families per parish. Gallup is a rural diocese with Tucson and Phoenix being larger “urban” dioceses. The stats say each is under reporting clergy abusers.

- Only 93 clergy abusers are admitted by the three dioceses. There should be in the range of 300.

- Arizona’s Bishops have a history of sexual abuse cover up through bankruptcy. Bishop O’brien of Phoenix admitted to a coverup. Gallup and Tucson went bankrupt because of abuse. Bankruptcies freeze transparency and hide abusers.


- The possibility that abusers are still in ministry in this state is very high.
  
Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report

- 6 dioceses investigated
- The fifth such report undertaken by PA civil authorities
- Grand jury subpoenaed secret Church archives
- Significant under reporting of abusers uncovered
  
  Example: Harrisburg Diocese claimed 10 abusers; Grand Jury found 70 abusers known to the bishop.

PA Grand Jury also documented:
- Cover up by bishops was organized and deliberate
- Abusers moved among parishes, dioceses and states
- Hierarchy used a “playbook”.
- 1,000 victims identified w/report
- Abusers still in ministry
• 1,500 more victims have called hotlines, including possible criminal cases

• These reports came because the investigating body was unbiased, trustworthy and effective.

• More priests have been accused of abuse, including one powerful cardinal – 35 in all – 11% more than the original report

• The PA report has resulted in 18 other states announcing similar secular investigations.

• Those additional investigations already are resulting in the reports of crimes and abuse

• Michigan’s AG recently arrested five priests because of its investigation – all but one has moved out of state – at least one of those opened an at risk youth center – the exact MO he used to abuse in Michigan

• NY and NJ reports their hotlines ‘ringing off the hook.’
The “Playbook” used by Bishops

- Don’t call police
- Keep child sex crimes secret
- Send accused to Church “treatment centers”
- Use euphemisms to describe sexual assaults
- Move predators to avoid publicity that would bring forth more reports
- Playbook exposed in PA grand jury report
- Establish church hotlines to funnel and control information.
- Require confidentiality agreements from victims.
- “Rehab” the priest in a Church controlled facility.
- Use Church controlled counselors to keep counseling notes secret.
- Move the priest to another location after abuse.
- If the priest is arrested, intervene with law enforcement to bring the problem and publicity “in house.”
- Pledge to do “self investigations” or to release names.
- Use diplomatic immunity to hide explosive documents or protect prelates.
- Lying is ok. Canon Law provides absolution if bishops or other hierarchs lie in order to protect the church’s reputation.
- Insufficient reports to law enforcement.
The Dallas Charter and the John Jay Report


• The “Dallas Charter” called for Zero Tolerance and Police reporting, but exempted Bishops from being investigated.

• Recent media revelations show that the Dallas Charter is being consistently violated. [Link](https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/11/03/bishops/qVYEiZ5SY5wVzCgA3gvN5O/story.html)

• The John Jay Report is the Charter’s report card. It relies on voluntary compliance and honesty. It never has had full compliance.

• The only true means of deterring crimes against children in the Catholic Church is governmental investigations and civil oversight.
Relevant stats

- 11 Dioceses in several states have now been investigated by civil authorities
  - 4.5 million total Catholic population
  - 761 accused priests
  - 9,000 clergy studied
- Aggregate 8.53% abuse rate among priest population
- 9 victims per priest (and counting)
- 1 abuser per 5,000 parishioners – small dioceses average less than 2,000 parishioners per abuser. Large diocese average less than 7,500 parishioners per abuser.
- Dozens of men still in ministry despite credible abuse reports
- Pennsylvania Grand Jury findings are generally consistent with the other five secular investigations.
- Arizona, with 1.3 M Catholics, should match PA’s numbers proportionally, with Gallup Diocese being even worse.
3 Dioceses, 1.3 million Catholics
About 2500 priests since 1950 based on available data
Patterns of cover-up, including the movement of priests between states, have been revealed in litigation in Pennsylvania, Washington, California, New York and elsewhere.
The recent PA grand jury report revealed a diaspora of abusive priests who were moved to 24 states and 3 foreign countries.
Arizona bishops follow the practice of other bishops described elsewhere, where they cover up their supervision and responsibility, sort of a three card monte of hiding clergy. Media is uncovering; bishops are covering up.
And note more hidden cases by the bishops:
• An 8.5% abuse rate and abuser to parishioner ratio means:
  • 211 – 294 priests have abused in AZ/NorthNM – we know of only 93 currently.

• A 9 victims per abuser rate means:
  • victim counts 2,000 to 3,000 would come forward if assured an unbiased, secular investigation.

• Report rates for sex abuse are around 12% which means:
  • since 1950, AZ/North NM likely has 18,000 to 28,000 priest sex abuse victims – some of them Native Americans, just like in Alaska and Washington

• If the Buffalo undercount ratio is applied to AZ, 100 - 150 priests already credibly accused are in ministry today where they can possible hurt kids. Some of those men are in Arizona and Northern New Mexico today.
Small dioceses such as Gallup generally average from 300 to 2000 parishioners per abuser

Reservations and Native populations average below an abuser for every 500 Parishioners

Phoenix should have in the range of 140 abusers, the bishops lists only 15.

Tucson should have in the range of 100, the Diocese only admits to just 41.

Gallup should have 60. It admits to 37

Bottom line: up to 200 priests are likely undercounted in the state of Arizona and Northern NM. Some of these men are probably deceased, but some are also probably still wearing their collars. It is certain that many moved into and out of AZ as they were accused of abuse in AZ and elsewhere. Recent news reports about the Franciscan Order confirms this reality.

It is also certain, given that Bishops from this state have managed sex abuse driven bankruptcies elsewhere, that they know, or knew, of these men and have hidden their crimes from view as the bishop’s “Playbook” dictates.
Infamous AZ/Northern NM Bishops

- Bishop O’Brien worked in Tucson and moved to Phoenix as Bishop to Phoenix. He was indicted in a clergy abuse cover up but was there 20 years.

- Bishop Sean Wall moved from Phoenix to Gallup, where he “managed” a bankruptcy – Bankruptcies freeze legal discovery and prevent full transparency. Bishop Wall thus was part of Phoenix’s cover up under O’Brien and now is managing his own.

- The Santa Fe Archdiocese is the “metropolitan” for all of these dioceses. It is undergoing Bankruptcy overseen by Archbishop John Wester. Wester worked for Cardinal William Levada in SF, California. Levada “managed” the Portland diocese bankruptcy and is accused of a cover ups in San Francisco.
Media in New York reported on a burgeoning scandal in 2018.

The Buffalo Bishop, Richard J. Malone, to ward off the media, published a list of abusers he claimed was complete. The list had only 42 names. The 42 reflected a 2.5% abuse rate among clergy – part of the “playbook”.

In December of 2018, after the PA report, a whistleblower leaked the true list, which contained 117 accused, 106 deemed credible by his own lay sex abuse review committee. https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-church-record-show-more-than-100-accused-priests-not-42-as-stated-by-bishop-malone

The Buffalo list has since grown to 176 accused clerics, a 4 to 1 undercount by Bishop Malone!

There were clergy on the more complete list that even the diocese believed were credibly accused of child sex crimes, yet they were still in ministry.

The more accurate report brings Buffalo in line with the statistics uncovered at PA and the other investigated dioceses.

Some of the credibly accused had been moved to other dioceses.

AZ/Northern NM can expect the same 4 to 1 undercount as Buffalo. The statistics suggest that outcome is just about certain. Where are those men?
Recent Examples of Bishop Malfeasance

• **2006** – Santa Rosa Bishop Daniel Walsh waited four days to call police after Fr. Francisco Xavier Ochoa admitted to him that he abused boys. The Bishop was a mandatory reporter. In the interim, the priest escaped to Mexico, to avoid prosecution. [http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news2011/05_06/2011_06_03_Espinoza_FugitiveSonoma.htm](http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news2011/05_06/2011_06_03_Espinoza_FugitiveSonoma.htm)

• **2018** – Bishop Robert McElroy of the San Diego Diocese added 8 new names to the diocese’s list of abusers following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. One of them, Fr. J. Patrick Foley, was accused of abusing two Sacramento area boys in 2010. He was suspended from ministry while the Church investigated the allegations. The canonical trial ended without a clear verdict, so the priest’s faculties were restored, although Bishop McElroy removed them again in 2015. Fr. Foley continues to this day to preach in other dioceses and continues to wear his collar. [http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/religion/sd-me-abusive-priests-20180906-story.html](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/religion/sd-me-abusive-priests-20180906-story.html)

• **2018** – The Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report exposed the movement of a serial molester, Fr. Ernest Paone, to California, where he worked in the Hispanic community and taught for decades in the public schools. He abused at least a dozen in Pennsylvania, yet he received positive references to work in the Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas dioceses. He has at least one victim in California. The priest is dead but the bishops who shielded and hired him are alive. [http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/religion/sd-me-paone-20180820-story.html](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/religion/sd-me-paone-20180820-story.html)

• **2018** – Buffalo Bishop, Richard J. Malone is discovered to have withheld the names of 64 credibly accused clergy from his “complete” list of abusers. Some were still in ministry. A whistleblower released the list, not the bishop. [https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-church-record-show-more-than-100-accused-priests-not-42-as-stated-by-bishop-malone](https://www.wkbw.com/longform/7-i-team-church-record-show-more-than-100-accused-priests-not-42-as-stated-by-bishop-malone)

• **2018** – Baltimore Archbishop withheld at least 10 credibly accused until the PA report identified them. Two were still in active ministry. Diocese originally (in 2002) only reported 57 accused. That number is now 93, a 40% undercount. [https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/marylands-attorney-general-to-investigate-baltimore-archdiocese](https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/marylands-attorney-general-to-investigate-baltimore-archdiocese)


• **2018** – Baltimore and Erie. Stephen Jeselnick was reported to have lost his faculties in 2003. He served in Erie as a priest until 2014. This information came from the PA report. [https://www.archbalt.org/child-and-youth-protection/priests-accused-of-abuse/](https://www.archbalt.org/child-and-youth-protection/priests-accused-of-abuse/)
Kids, minors, and the vulnerable are safest when those who commit or conceal child sex crimes are jailed.

But when that can't happen, kids are safest when those who commit or conceal abuse are exposed.

The best way to expose abuse and complicity is through governmental investigation, including those by grand juries.

- Please open an investigation –
- Establish a hotline –
- Call the bishops to testify – under oath
- Subpoena documents
- Invite survivors to come forward with their stories –
- Create an unbiased record in Arizona.

Doing so will help protect the vulnerable, heal the wounded, expose the criminals and deter future wrongdoing.
Additional support information

- Milestone events in the abuse crisis
- American church facts
- Church documents related to Canon Law
- Crimen Sollicitationis document
- Quinn Document recommending document immunity
- Catholic Conference background information
- Dallas Charter Overview
- John Jay Report Overview
- “Bishop’s Playbook” examples
The Catholic Church in America

• About 70 million Catholics in 197 regional “Dioceses”
• Bishops don’t answer to each other – they all answer to Rome and the Pope – the Pope chooses new bishops and is the only one who can fire one.
• There are about 500 bishops and auxiliary bishops in the US – about 4,500 worldwide
• “Cardinals” are senior bishops – 250 world wide – these men select and advise the Pope.
• A number of US cardinals have been implicated in covering up abuse, William Levada and Roger Mahony in California, Bernard Law in Boston, Donald Wuerl in DC. At least two American Cardinals are accused of abusing minors, Theodore McCarrick (still living) and Anthony Bevilaqua (deceased).
• At least 35 US Bishops, some living, some dead, are accused of sexual indiscretions. At least 5 of these accused bishops worked or lived in California: Bishop Juan A. Arzube, Bishop Robert H. Brom, Bishop Tod D. Brown, Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, Bishop G. Patrick Ziemann. http://www.bishop-accountability.org/bishops/accused/global_list_of_accused_bishops.htm#UnitedStates
• Bishops made rules that exempted them from being investigated.
• A.W. Richard Sipe, a leading researcher of Catholic clergy sex abuse estimated that at any given time, 50% of priests are sexually active. Because this activity is a sin against the vow of celibacy, a dysfunctional secrecy pervades the church which exacerbates the sex abuse problems the church faces. https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/09/nyregion/aw-richard-sipe-a-leading-voice-on-clergy-sex-abuse-dies-at-85.html
Significant Abuse Events & Milestones

- **1985** – First serial abuse is widely reported in Louisiana’s press – Fr. Gilbert Gauthe, Diocese of Lafayette


- **1988** – SNAP formed by clergy sex abuse survivor Barbara Blaine in Chicago.


- **2002** – BishopsAccountability.org, a non profit research archive is formed.

- **2002** – Bishop’s “Dallas Charter” promises reforms and establishes guidelines (all voluntary).

- **2003** – California opens a civil window – 1100 victims file suits against 500 priests.

- **2004** – First Bishop funded “John Jay” study is published – 4300 abusers – not all dioceses reported – the report claimed an abuse rate among clergy of 4.3%.

- **2005** – Civil Grand Jury publicizes the Philadelphia Archdiocese report – finds 7.7% abuse rate and indicts three senior catholic prelates for criminally shielding abusers. Church consultants called the rate of abuse a “hot spot”.

- **2006** – California Clergy I, II, III cases settle for $1 Billion – concealment patterns become more apparent given large number of cases and plaintiff research.

- **2007 and 2011** – follow up John Jay studies published – abusers rise to 6400 but data remains obscured.

- **2013** – State of Minnesota opens a 3 year window for civil actions for past sex crimes – 450 cases come forward in Twin Cities Archdiocese naming 91 priests. 1 abuser per 9,000 parishioners.


- **2018** – PA Grand Jury Report is published – 8.4% abuse rate, over 2,000 victims, clear patterns of concealment contravening the Dallas Charter, clear patterns of priest movement across state and national borders to avoid detection and possible criminal charges, clear prior under reporting to John Jay report.

- **2018** – Buffalo is caught underreporting abusive priests by 200%

- **2019** – 18 states and the District of Columbia announce civil, state wide investigations of practices of Catholic Dioceses in their state. http://www.snapnetwork.org/ag_investigation_hotlines
• *Crimen Sollicitationis* (The Offense of Solicitation)
  • ‘Secret’ Vatican document that provides procedures and protocols for handling sexual abuse of a minor
  • Intent is to absolve the offending priest and send him on what the document calls a "pious pilgrimage"
  • Records of abuse are to be "diligently stored in the secret archives of the Curia as strictly confidential."
  • Documents are to “restrained by a perpetual silence” under penalty of excommunication

• NCCB document directing bishops on how to handle abuse cases
  • Authored and presented by Bishop Alexander James Quinn of Cleveland to the Midwest Canon Law Society 1990
  • Provides recommendation that if they suspect documents may get subpoenaed, and you don’t want them made public – send them to the Apostolic Delegate “*because he has immunity to protect something that is potentially dangerous*”
11. Because, however, what is treated in these cases has to have a greater degree of care and observance so that those same matters be pursued in a most sacrative way, and, after they have been defined and given over to execution, they are to be restrained by a perpetual silence (Instruction of the Holy Office, February 20, 1867, n. 14), each and everyone pertaining to the tribunal in any way or admitted to knowledge of the matters because of their office, is to observe the strictest ++7++ secret, which is commonly regarded as a secret of the Holy Office, in all matters and with all persons, under the penalty of excommunication latae sententiae, ipso facto and without any declaration [of such a penalty] having been incurred and reserved to the sole person of the Supreme Pontiff, even to the exclusion of the Sacred Penitentiary, are bound to observe [this secrecy] inviolably. Indeed by this law the Ordinaries are bound ipso jure or by the force of their own proper duty. The other helpers from the power of their oath which they must always take before they undertake their duties. And these, then, are delegated, are interpolated, and are informed in their absence by means of the precept in the letters of delegation, interpellation, [or of] information, imposing upon them with express mention of the secret of the Holy Office and of the aforementioned censure.

Now what files have been subpoenaed, they cannot be tampered with; destroyed, removed; that constitutes obstruction of justice and contempt of court. Prior, however, though and study ought to be given if you think it's going to be necessary; if there's something there you really don't want people to see you might send it off to the Apostolic Delegate, because they have immunity to protect something that is potentially dangerous, or that you consider to be dangerous, you might send it there.
Dallas Charter and John Jay Report

- Boston Scandal causes US Bishop’s meeting in Dallas
- “Dallas Charter” is adopted
  - Establishes “John Jay College” reporting mechanism
  - Creates new norms related to reporting and managing abuse – purports at “zero tolerance” and “full transparency”. The charter:
    - promises to remove already accused from ministry
    - promises to report all new abuse to law enforcement
    - and promises to remove those newly accused from ministry
  - Exempts Bishops from being audited or disciplined if they don’t comply or if they themselves have abused

- Please note the June 2019 Meeting of American Bishops in Baltimore gave the appearance of reform. They recommend victims report sexual abuse to Bishops who will then report to another Bishop. They rejected the policy of reporting to police first. We say, call the police.
John Jay Report

- Paid for and controlled by the Bishops
- No penalties if bishops don’t comply
- First report in 2004 – identified 10,700 victims and 4300 accused priests
- Follow-up audits identified 2,000 more accused priests and 9,000 more victims
- Reporting is optional and no reporting period has ever been 100% compliant – average is about 95% compliant on a nominal basis.
- **Data is aggregated so tracking abuse patterns or noncompliance among bishops is impossible for outside researchers or law enforcement.**
Bishop Floyd L. Begin – Diocese of Oakland -- 1963

Father James Clark is arrested in a different county on a felony sex crime. Bishop Begin intervenes and gets the priest probation and plea deal instead of jail and a trial. The arrest record is locked in the secret archive. While still on probation, Fr. Clark is moved into a blue collar parish with no notice of his crimes to community. He abuses at least four more children.
http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news2008/03_04/2008_03_31_Dennis_PriestsServed.htm

Bishop John S. Cummins – Diocese of Oakland --1982

Bishop Cummins succeeded Bishop Begin. In 1982 Monsignor Vincent Ignatius Breen was reported to the police for abusing girls. The investigation finds seven victims in an 18 month period. Monsignor Breen is arrested, but Bishop Cummins intervenes and cuts a deal with DA – priest will retire and move out of the county – no plea or trial.

Boston 2002 – “Spotlight” Investigation by the Boston Globe– This scandal prompted the 2002 “Dallas Charter” reforms

Hundreds of accused priests – 1 abuser for each 7700 parishioners. Massive movement of accused priests to other parishes, dioceses and states by bishops. Cardinal Bernard Law fled to Rome to avoid testifying in grand jury or worse.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron – Diocese of Oakland -- 2004

Archbishop Vigneron succeeds Bishop Cummins. On an apology tour the archbishop acknowledges 12 abusive priests. 2008 media news investigation reveals 64 abusers worked in the diocese. At least 40 abused in the diocese.
http://www.bishop-accountability.org/news2008/03_04/2008_03_30_Dennis_SinsSecrets.htm

Bishop Daniel Walsh -- Diocese of Santa Rosa -- 2006 – After the “Dallas Charter”

A mother reports the rape of her 12 year old son by a Mexican national, Rev. Xavier Ochoa. The bishop, a mandatory reporter, waits 4 days to call the sheriff while the priest moves back to Mexico and escapes law enforcement. 10 additional victims come forward.

Bishop Richard Malone – Diocese of Buffalo -- 2018 – After the “Dallas Charter”

Bishop published a list of “credibly accused” priests in a bid to be “transparent” and claimed 42 abusers. A leak from his office to the press revealed 106 credibly accused – 1 abuser per 6800 parishioners – some of whom were still in ministry.

Bishop Robert McElroy -- Diocese of San Diego -- 2018 - After the “Dallas Charter”

Bishop McElroy “found” some files previously unrevealed, including one priest who was accused in 2010 and tried in a “secret” tribunal where victims did not testify. “Inconclusive” internal outcome permits priest to continue to practice, unsupervised. Sacramento and San Diego bishops participated in this purported tribunal.