

**Excerpts from several statements written to the Prosecutor at the ITCC
(part 2)**

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On June 29, 2011, the online edition of the German news magazine *Der Spiegel* reported about sexual child abuse committed by priests in Africa (<http://www.spiegel.de/panorama/gesellschaft/0,1518,770061-2,00.html>).

The English translation of the same article appeared in the international edition of Spiegel online on July 8, 2011 (<http://www.spiegel.de/international/world/0,1518,773255,00.html>).

The subtitle of the article reads:

“Following a series of abuse cases in Europe and North America, revelations have emerged of sexual abuse by priests in a number of African countries. The case of Father Renato Kizito, who is accused of raping young men in Kenya, shows how local power structures work in favor of the clerics.”

The report mentions sexual abuse by Catholic clerics in Kenya, South Africa, Benin and Burkina Faso and opines:

After numerous abuse cases in Europe and North America became public in recent years, the issue appears to have now reached Africa.

With this report, “Spiegel” again confirms the worldwide extent of the Vatican system of the support and cover-up of sexual crimes committed on children by Catholic clerics, as is very clearly expressed in the reports coming to us from victims all over the world, which we have presented to the prosecutor.

That these crimes do not involve individual cases but represent an extensive system for which, according to the monarchist constitution of the Vatican and the Holy See, the pope is responsible, is increasingly also the subject of national litigation. After the USA and Belgium, this question is now also the subject of a case before the

High Court in London, in which a former priest is charged with child abuse. The “Irish Examiner” reported on July 7, 2011 with the subtitle

The High Court in London has been asked to give a ruling on whether the Catholic Church can ever be held liable for the wrongdoings of its priests.

(<http://examiner.ie/ireland/ruling-sought-on-church-liability-for-priests-acts-160203.html#ixzz1RuUd5TFc>)

In such cases the plaintiffs are put off from a complaint against Pope Ratzinger only because they let themselves be put off by the fiction of the immunity of the pope as head of a “state,” a fiction that has no impact before the International Criminal Court.

A new case has become known in France involving the treatment of a ward by a clerical organization. According to a report by the news agency AFP, a young woman is suing for damages a facility belonging to Opus Dei. (<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gw-2sL0vkuPdy5rPQg7mnSPJob1Q>)

The woman entered an hoteliers’ school at the age of 14, and when she was rescued from the group by her parents 16 years later she weighed only 39 kilograms (86 pounds).

Opus Dei is a personal prelature of the pope, which is directly under him. The founder of Opus Dei was beatified by Pope John Paul II.

All the presently known criminal cases of the Catholic Church point to the common feature that due to the system of secrecy and cover-up, criminal actions could be committed on ever new victims by a perpetrator often over years and decades, in the knowledge that he will not be punished.

However, based on the papal decree *Crimen Sollicitationis* and the Apostolic Letter entitled *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, announced by Cardinal Ratzinger by way of the letter *De delictis gravioribus* on May 21, 2001 it is certain that since 1981, as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and since 2005 as Pope, all crimes are known to Joseph Ratzinger and are also registered in the files of the Vatican. Investigations in the Vatican will therefore reveal that the presently known child-abuse crimes against humanity are only the tip of the iceberg.

With this we are submitting further statements of support.

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New Evidence in Ireland

New convincing evidence for the system of support and cover-up of the crimes committed on children through the Vatican under the leadership of Joseph Ratzinger was published last week in Ireland.

The 341-page Cloyne Report on cases of child abuse in the Irish diocese of Cloyne between January 1996 and February 2009 (printed in Internet under <http://www.irishtimes.com/indepth/cloyne/index.pdf>) concludes, among other things, that the Vatican had urged the clergy in Ireland to cover up cases of abuse.

The findings of the Cloyne Report, under the direction of judge Murphy, concerning current cases of abuse by the church right up to the present, again emphatically confirm the worldwide system of preferential treatment and cover-up of child-abuser crimes under the leadership of Joseph Ratzinger, as presented in our charges. The report caused strong and unequivocal reactions in responsible politicians in Ireland.

The report in the Irish Times on July 14, 2011 (<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/breaking/2011/0714/breaking1.html>) provides an overview of the conclusions of the Cloyne Report and the reactions of responsible politicians to it. For this reason, we are reproducing the complete report of the Irish Times here:

The Vatican's approach to clerical abuse inquiries in Ireland has been branded a disgrace by the Taoiseach today.

In the wake of the report into the Catholic Church's response to allegations of abuse in the diocese of Cloyne, Enda Kenny warned new laws would not be stopped by canon rules.

The Taoiseach said the Government's concerns must now be dealt with. "I think this is absolutely disgraceful that the Vatican took the view that it did in respect of something that's as sensitive and as personal with such long-lasting difficulties for persons involved," he said.

"The law of the land should not be stopped by a collar or a crozier," Mr Kenny said.

Tough new laws to force the disclosure of information on child sexual abuse are to be introduced in response to the Cloyne report. The withholding of information about serious offences against a child will be made a criminal offence, Minister for Justice Alan Shatter announced yesterday following the publication of the report on the handling of sex abuse claims in the diocese of Cloyne.

Further measures, including a statutory child protection code, are to be announced by Minister for Children Frances Fitzgerald tomorrow.

Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs Eamon Gilmore met papal nuncio Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza over the findings of the report today.

Speaking after the meeting, Dr Leanza said he was "very grateful" to Mr Gilmore for the meeting. "I think it has been a useful meeting ... he has given me a copy of the report, and I will bring it immediately to the attention of the Holy See".

He reiterated the Catholic Church's "total commitment" to take "all necessary measures" to ensure the protection of children.

Mr Gilmore said the Vatican's intervention in Irish affairs was "absolutely unacceptable" and "inappropriate". He said he had told Dr Leanza that an explanation and response was required as to why the Vatican had told priests and bishops they could undermine Irish rules.

"I want to know why this state, with which we have diplomatic relations, issued a communication, the effect of which was that very serious matter of the abuse of children in this country was not reported to the authorities," he said.

Mr Gilmore said the Vatican had conveyed a message that somehow it was "all right to evade responsibility" for reporting these matters to the Irish authorities.

Fine Gael chairman Charlie Flanagan called for Dr Leanza to be expelled from Ireland.

Elsewhere, Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin said Bishop John Magee should not be excluded from the prospect of a jail term if he is prosecuted as a result of investigations into the Cloyne report.

Bishop Gerard Clifford, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Armagh, this morning said evidence in the report showing that the church's standing was prioritised over the victims of abuse was "the great disappointment".

He said there was a new realisation that the problem of abuse is something the church cannot solve by itself and he welcomed Mr Shatter's comments about the introduction of child protection legislation.

The report found that the Bishop of Cloyne, John Magee, misled the minister for children by claiming the church's guidelines for handling abuse cases were being fully complied with. It also found he falsely told the Health Service Executive (HSE) that allegations of abuse were being reported to gardaí.

In fact, two-thirds of complaints made between 1996 and 2008 were not reported to the Garda and no complaint was passed to the HSE during this period.

Senior Vatican spokesman Fr Federico Lombardi issued an emphatic "no comment" when asked about the Cloyne report. He did not rule out making a comment at a later date, by which time the Holy See would have had a chance to assess the report fully.

The Austrian newspaper "Der Standard" also quotes the Irish Minister President Enda Kenny as saying that *the Ireland of the 21st century will no longer defer to Catholic authority.* (<http://derstandard.at/1310511278934/Zu-Kindesmissbrauch-Irland-bestellt-Botschafter-des-Vatikans-ein>)

With this, following the lawsuits in various countries, the government of a democratic country has also officially declared war on the Vatican's system of cover-up and preferential treatment of the crimes of child abusers.

Since this system is being exposed all over the world on a nearly daily basis, the time is ripe for it to finally be eliminated for the benefit of thousands and thousands of children and for the person responsible to be called to account.

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Irish Government Incriminates the Vatican

Catholic Priests and Bishops Support the Irish Government

Rome Covered Up and Abetted Sexual Crimes until Very Recently

Tens of Thousands of Children Worldwide Are Threatened

**The Prosecuting Authorities Should Demand the
Documents Be Handed Over**

During the discussion about the Cloyne Report scandal in Ireland last week, further facts became known.

The Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/weekend/2011/0723/1224301177540.html>
under the headline “The Fearful Fathers”, reported on July 23, 2011 about the Catholic priest Brendan Hoban and his opinion on the statements made by Irish Minister President Enda Kenny.

The article says about Kenny:

... Enda Kenny was launching an unprecedented, historic attack on the Vatican in Dáil Éireann, accusing it of downplaying or “managing” the rape and torture of children “to uphold instead the primacy of the institution, its power, standing and ‘reputation’”. Ireland, he declared, was not Rome but “a republic of laws ... where the delinquency and arrogance of a particular version, of a particular kind of ‘morality’, will no longer be tolerated or ignored”.

Father Brendan Hoban gave his opinion on this:

Brendan Hoban wonders what all the fuss is about. Enda Kenny was saying nothing that Irish priests haven't been saying for years, he claims, about what the bishops should be doing. "In effect, he is challenging Rome as distinct from the Irish church. We have no problem living in a democratic republic and I think we have shown ourselves, in the main, as people who have made a contribution to that republic ... We have been waiting a long, long time for the bishops to say: 'Let us run our own affairs, rather than tying our hands behind our backs ...'"

The priest confirmed that the extent of sexual abuse by clerics and the danger of further crimes had been known for a long time and was covered up by the Vatican, thus aiding and abetting further crimes.

Bishops from 3 Irish dioceses,
Bishop of Down and Connor Noel Treanor
Bishop of Dromore John McAreavey and
Auxiliary bishop of Armagh archdiocese Gerard Clifford,

also found affirmative words for Enda Kenny's speech, as the Irish Times reported on July 23, 2011. With this, they also endorse the reproaches Kenny made against the Vatican regarding its cover-up strategy.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0723/1224301202997.html>

How current the danger is from this cover up system of the Vatican is demonstrated not only by the fact that the crimes exposed in the Cloyne Report partly took place only 3 years ago, but also by the most recent case of a Catholic child-abuse criminal in Salzgitter, Germany, where police arrested a Catholic priest, who has meanwhile confessed to several sexual crimes committed between 2007 and the present.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/world/2011/0720/1224301009958.html>

The German Magazine Der Spiegel reported on this in its online edition of June 24, 2011, under the headline: *Catholic Church Covered Up Abuse Case*. It stated that already in 2006 the Catholic Church had prohibited contact between the presently arrested priest and a ten-year-old boy, without informing parents or law enforcement officers.

<http://www.spiegel.de/panorama/0,1518,776295,00.html>

According to the Motu Proprio (Apostolic Letter) “Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela” from April 30, 2001 and the circular letter to all bishops “De delictis gravioribus” on May 21, 2001 from Joseph Ratzinger, (compare page 28 of our charges), the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and thus, Joseph Ratzinger, were informed about the cases of abuse that have become known until now. Thus, the assumption is justified that – aside from the thousands of cases that have already become known – the Vatican knows about many more repeat offenders and is covering up for them, thus aiding and abetting thousands more crimes.

The danger of becoming a victim of these crimes exists worldwide for hundreds of thousands of children, wherever the Vatican, under the leadership of Joseph Ratzinger, not only protects his criminal offenders through his worldwide system of cover up and preferential treatment, but even repeatedly gives them the opportunity to commit new crimes, as the now exposed cases impressively verify.

But on the other hand, the central responsibility and concentration of all records in the Vatican gives the prosecution the possibility, through the initiation and execution of investigations, to also investigate the guilty parties in these records. Courts in the USA have already chosen this path, and corresponding lawsuits are also in process in Belgium and Great Britain, as we have already contended, regarding judicial access to Vatican records. As already stated, ever fewer courts are moved by the Vatican’s claim that it and the Holy See, a small area in Rome with not even a thousand predominately male inhabitants, are immune as a state along with the pope as its head.

And governments also no longer accept the Vatican’s claim that according to its perception, it can circumvent the law of a sovereign state, by using its canon law to disregard the prevailing law in order to protect the criminals in its ranks.

Along with Enda Kenny (see our addendum from July 16, 2011), the Polish Minister President Tusk also recently expressed this by stating:

“The government does not kneel before the clergy, but solely before God!”
 (“Süddeutsche Zeitung“ from July 15, 2011)