

Timeline of events in Complaint against Vatican

VATICAN KNOWLEDGE AND COVER UP

- 1922** – Vatican issues first known mandated procedures for solicitation in the confessional, including sex abuse of minors
- 1962** – Vatican issues second solicitation and child sex abuse mandatory procedures – Crimen Sollicitationis
- 1963** – Fr. Fitzgerald of Servants of the Paraclete meets with Pope Paul VI and informs him that child molesting priests should be kicked out
- 1985** – Fr. Tom Doyle provides dire warning to Bishops in United States that they need to take immediate action on child sex abuse
- 2000** – per Archbishop Vigano, Vatican learned of Cardinal McCarrick's abuses
- 2001** – Pope John Paul II issued Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela – mandates that all child sex abuse by clergy must be handled by the Vatican
- 2002** – US Catholic Conference of Bishops comes out with Dallas Charter promising to clean up child sex abuse
- 2006** – Vatican official admits in a letter that in 2000 reports of McCarrick's abuse were made to the Vatican
- 2008** – Pope Benedict secretly sanctioned McCarrick for his inappropriate behavior with seminarians and fellow priests, but allows him to keep his position and stature.

CHILD SEX ABUSE BY PRIESTS, NEINSTEDT

- 1950's- 1980's** – Thousands of children are sexually molested worldwide by Catholic Priests.
- 1979- 1984** – Fr. Fidencio Silva-Flores sexually molests Manuel Vega
- 1983-1984** – Fr. Thomas Adamson sexually molests James Keenan
- 2004** - Fr. Curtis Wehmeyer caught approaching two younger looking men in a bookstore and asking them if they were horny. Wehmeyer sent for treatment and diagnosed with a Sexual Disorder.
- 2009** - Archbishop Nienstedt promoted Wehmeyer.
- 2009** - Fr. Wehmeyer arrested by police after he was drunk and trying to get teenage boys to come back to his camper

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- 2014** – United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child found that Catholic clerics had been involved in the sexual abuse of tens of thousands of children. Found that the Holy See refused to cooperate and obstructed efforts to address the problem.
- 2014** – Convention against Torture reviewed Holy See and found that widespread sexual violence with the Catholic Church amounted to torture and that the Holy See should mandate that all allegations of child sex abuse be reported to law enforcement.
- 2014** – Under questioning from the United Nations, Vatican admits that from 2004-2014 the Vatican received more than 3,400 credible cases of abuse
- 2018** – (July) Pope Francis accepts Cardinal McCarrick's resignation 18 years after Vatican informed
- 2018** – (November) – Pope Francis prevents United States Catholic Bishops from implementing new procedures to punish bishops who cover up child sex abuse
- 2019** – (May 7) Pope Francis issues "Vos estis lux mundi" (You are the light of the world) – requires clergy to report abuse to Catholic Bishops and officials, but does not require report to law enforcement

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- 2009-2012** - Witnesses report seeing Archbishop Nienstedt leaving Wehmeyer's residence early in the morning and late at night
- 2006-2012** - Fr. Wehmeyer sexually grooms and molests Luke, Stephen and Benedict Hoffman
- 2012** - Mother reports Wehmeyer's abuse. Archdiocese of St. Paul officials go directly to Wehmeyer, warn him, take his computer and his gun
- 2014** - Investigation of Archbishop Neinstedt's own sexual misconduct launched. Investigation produces 10 affidavits of witnesses describing sexual misconduct by Neinstedt.
- 2014** - Neinstedt investigation results brought to the Vatican's Embassy and Cardinal Carlo Vigano. Vigano instructed the Archdiocese to pursue no more leads about Neinstedt and shut the investigation down. Results remain secret.
- 2015** – Archbishop Neinstedt resigns.
- 2016-2018** – Neinstedt works at Napa Institute
- 2019** – (May 14) – James Keenan, Manuel Vega, Luke Hoffman, Stephen Hoffman, and Ben Hoffman launch legal effort against the Vatican.