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The Church and Sexual Abuse

Chicago Archdiocese settles abuse cases for \$3.9 million

Monday, July 27, 2009

CHICAGO (CNS)—The Archdiocese of Chicago announced July 21 that it had reached settlements totaling \$3.9 million in cases of six survivors of clergy sex abuse.

Diocese not immune from abuse lawsuits, says court ruling

Sunday, July 12, 2009

PORTLAND, Maine (CNS)—Maine's Supreme Judicial Court ruled against the Portland Diocese in a clergy sex abuse case July 7, stating the diocese cannot be protected by charitable immunity if Church leaders acted intentionally.

Author, critical of Legionaries, hopes visitation will bring clarity

Friday, July 10, 2009

ROME (CNS)—Author Jason Berry said he hoped the apostolic visitation of the Legionaries of Christ and their institutions would lead to greater clarity about the life and actions of the order's founder, but also about the way the order treats its members.

ADDITIONAL RECENT NEWS

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS)—The abuse of children in institutions run by Catholic priests and nuns was part of a culture that was prevalent in the Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference said at the conclusion of its summer meeting.

Friday, June 12, 2009

Irish bishops: Child abuse was part of Church culture

Friday, June 12, 2009

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The embarrassment and scandal raised by each new report of a case of sex abuse in the church also has a positive effect of giving other victims the courage to come forward and increasing the Church's commitment to ending abuse, said experts meeting at the Vatican.

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Reporting scandal: Media coverage of abuse helps victims, Church

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DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI was visibly upset to hear June 5 of the abuse suffered by thousands of Irish children in the care of religious congregations, reported the archbishop of Dublin, Ireland.

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Pope visibly upset to hear of child abuse, Irish archbishop says

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DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS)—The 18 Irish religious orders implicated in decades of abuse of thousands of children in their care have agreed to increase their contribution to the compensation fund for victims.

Friday, June 05, 2009

Irish religious orders agree to boost compensation for abuse victims

Friday, June 05, 2009

ALBANY, N.Y. (CNS)—Even with an amendment to include public institutions, a bill that would temporarily waive statutes of limitations on filing sex abuse lawsuits "remains terrible public policy," said the New York State Catholic Conference in Albany.

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N.Y. abuse-lawsuit bill still 'terrible' policy, Catholic official says

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BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (CNS)—Bridgeport diocesan officials said they were reviewing their options after a May 22 ruling by the Connecticut Supreme Court to make public sealed documents from settled sexual abuse lawsuits filed against priests in the Bridgeport Diocese.

Friday, May 29, 2009

Court orders release of sealed documents on clergy sex abuse

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**“Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal: Charter for the
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U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, revised 2005

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