Cover image: "Dream of Innocent III and the Confirmation of the Rule" (detail), Benozzo Gozzoli, 1452.

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Research Symposium

Gender, Sex, and Power:
Towards a History of Clergy Sex Abuse in the U.S. Catholic Church

March 27–29, 2022
University of Notre Dame

In late 2019, Cushwa Center director Kathleen Sprows Cummings received a grant within the University of Notre Dame's Church Sexual Abuse Crisis Research Grant Program for the project "Gender, Sex, and Power: Towards a History of Clergy Sex Abuse in the U.S. Catholic Church." The project's leaders formed a working group including 11 outside scholars. They also partnered with BishopAccountability.org to facilitate access to previously unavailable sources. By fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and supporting participants' individual studies, the project seeks to advance new research on the crisis and its causes as well as to illuminate new understandings of modern Catholicism. The project concludes with this three-day public symposium.

Project Leaders

Peter Cajka (program director), University of Notre Dame
Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame
Terence McKiernan, BishopAccountability.org
Robert Orsi, Northwestern University

Learn more **cushwa.nd.edu/about/gendersexpower**

Sunday, March 27

5 p.m.	Dinner	Morris Inn Dining Rooms
7 – 8:30 p.m	**Panel 1**	215 McKenna Hall

Chair: *Robert Orsi, Northwestern University*

"'We All Carry This Story': Girls Abused by the Church"
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in St. Louis

"Secret Sin: Confession and Clergy Abuse"
Terence McKiernan, BishopAccountability.org

"Broken Records, Broken Trust: Gender and Hierarchy in the Catholic Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal"
Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame

Monday, March 28

Continental breakfast available in 205–207 McKenna Hall starting at 8 a.m.

9 – 10:45 a.m.	**Panel 2**	215 McKenna Hall

Chair: *Kathleen Sprows Cummings, University of Notre Dame*

"Siding with a Priest-Perpetrator over Sexual Abuse Victims: The Role of Catholics' Lived Theology"
Jennifer Beste, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

"From Good Priest to Abuser: Father Louis Miller and Clergy Abuse in the Archdiocese of Louisville, 1956–2017"
Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

"'There's No Way You Can Have the Baby': Pregnancies and Reproductive Coercion in the Context of Clergy Sexual Abuse"
Doris Reisinger, Goethe University

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Break	
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	**Panel 3**	215 McKenna Hall

Chair: *Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame*

"The Heretic Jim Poole: Asceticism and Abuse in the Alaskan Missions"
Jack Downey, University of Rochester

"Priest Abuse after the Boarding School: Spiritual Dialogue, Sexual Exploitation, and the Limits of Native Recognition at Vatican II Era Catholic Missions"
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

"'He Talks to Me': Exposure and Knowledge in Jesuit Sexual Abuse"
John Seitz, Fordham University

12:45 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Break	Morris Inn Dining Rooms
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	**Panel 4**	215 McKenna Hall

Chair: *Robert Orsi, Northwestern University*

"A Flawed Jewel: Celibacy and the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis"
Kara French, Salisbury University

"On Expectations: Clergy Sexual Abuse and the Discipline of Theology"
Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer, Australian Catholic University

"'I Confided in My Mother and She Called the Archdiocese': Parents and Clergy Sex Abuse"
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

"Clericalism and Sexual Abuse: The Boston Case"
James O'Toole, Boston College

5 p.m.	Dinner	Morris Inn Dining Rooms

Tuesday, March 29

Continental breakfast available in 205–207 McKenna Hall starting at 8 a.m.

9 – 11 a.m.	**"What Comes Next? Scholarship on the Clergy Abuse Crisis"**
	215 McKenna Hall

Project researchers and invited participants will gather for this concluding discussion.