

# CATHOLIC SEX ABUSE AND CRUELITIES WORLDWIDE

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LONDON — Tens of thousands of Irish children were sexually, physically and emotionally abused by nuns, priests and others over 60 years in a network of church-run residential schools meant to care for the poor, the vulnerable and the unwanted, according to a report released in Dublin on Wednesday.

The 2,600-page report paints a picture of institutions run more like Dickensian orphanages than 20th-century schools, characterized by privation and cruelty that could be both casual and choreographed.

“A climate of fear, created by pervasive, excessive and arbitrary punishment, permeated most of the institutions,” the report says. In the boys’ schools, it says, sexual abuse was “endemic.”

The report, by a state-appointed commission, took nine years to pro-

duce and was meant to help Ireland face and move on from one of the ugliest aspects of its recent history. But it has infuriated many victims’ groups because it does not name any of the hundreds of individuals accused of abuse and thus cannot be used as a basis for prosecutions.

It was delayed because of a lawsuit brought by the Christian Brothers, the religious order that ran many of the boys’ schools and that fought, ultimately successfully, to have the abusers’ names omitted. In 2003, the commission’s first chairwoman resigned, saying that Ireland’s Department of Education had refused to release crucial documents. The report covers a period from the 1930s to the 1990s, when the last of the institutions closed.

It exposes for the first time the scope of the problem in Ireland, as

well as how the government and the church colluded in perpetuating an abusive system. The revelations have also had the effect of stripping the Catholic Church, which once set the agenda in Ireland, of much of its moral authority and political power.

The report singles out Ireland’s Department of Education, meant to regulate the schools, for running “toothless” inspections that overlooked glaring problems and deferred to church authority.

The report is based in part on old church records of unreported abuse cases and in part on the anonymous testimony of 1,060 former students from a variety of 216 mostly church-run institutions, including reformatories and so-called industrial schools, set up to tend to neglected, orphaned or abandoned children.

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Most of the former students are now 50 to 80 years old.

Some 30,000 children were sent to such places over six decades, the report says, often against their families' wishes and because of pressure from powerful local priests. They were sent because their families could not afford to care for them, because their mothers had committed adultery or given birth out of wedlock, or because one or both of their parents was ill, drunken or abusive. They were also sent because of petty crime, like stealing food, or because they had missed school.

Many of the former students said that they had not learned their own identities until decades later. They also said that their parents had unsuccessfully tried to reclaim them from the state.

In a litany that sounds as if it comes from the records of a P.O.W. camp, the report chronicles some of the forms of physical abuse suffered in the boys' schools:

"Punching, flogging, assault and bodily attacks, hitting with the hand, kicking, ear pulling, hair pulling, head shaving, beating on the soles of the feet, burning, scalding, stabbing, severe beatings with or without clothes, being made to kneel and stand in fixed positions for lengthy periods, made to sleep outside overnight, being forced into cold or excessively hot baths and showers, hosed down with cold water before being beaten, beaten while hanging from hooks on the wall, being set upon by dogs, being restrained in order to be beaten, physical assaults by more than one person, and having objects thrown at them."

Some of the schools operated essentially as workhouses. In one school,

Goldenbridge, girls as young as 7 spent hours a day making rosaries by stringing beads onto lengths of wire. They were given quotas: 600 beads on weekdays and 900 on Sundays.

Girls were routinely sexually abused, often by more than one person at a time, the report said, in "dormitories, schools, motor vehicles, bathrooms, staff bedrooms, churches, sacristies, fields, parlors, the residences of clergy, holiday locations and while with godparents and employers."

The Vatican had no response. But leaders of various religious orders—who often argued during the investigations that the abuse was a relic of another time, reflecting past societal standards—issued abject apologies on Wednesday, taking care to frame the problem as something that is now behind them.

Cardinal Sean Brady, the Catholic primate of all Ireland, said in a statement that he was "profoundly sorry and deeply ashamed," adding, "I hope the publication of today's report will help heal the hurts of victims and address the wrongs of the past."

David Clohessy, director of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, a group based in St. Louis, said that while the report had failed in its duty to bring the perpetrators to justice, it had been clear about the failings of the church.

"While horrific, widespread reports of abuse and cover-up are sadly quite common, the significance here is that a government panel is conclusively saying that the finger-pointing and blame-shifting and excuse-making of the [Catholic] church hierarchy is bogus," he said in an interview.

The commission was formed in 2000, after an explosive series of radio programs and documentaries in the 1990s began exposing a terrible secret that had been kept by [the] entire [Jesuit Catholic] society: the details of

what went on in the [Catholic] children's homes. In 1999, Bertie Ahern, then the prime minister, issued a blanket apology to the victims of the abuse. [But now it's going on all the more in public schools, which are all government run, and the government and the public schools are all controlled by the Vatican.]

Since then, the accusations and the question of justice have been a preoccupation across Ireland and among Irish emigrants around the world. In 2002, the Catholic Church in Ireland agreed to pay \$175 million to compensate victims of sexual abuse by members of the clergy. A separate group has paid out some \$1.5 billion so far to more than 10,000 people who have claimed they were abused in state and church-run institutions.

Terence McKiernan, president of BishopAccountability.org, an American group that maintains an Internet archive of material related to Catholic abuse, said that the report had failed by not going far enough.

"The report is significant in that it provides a detailed anatomy of how the abuse occurred and the institutions in which it occurred," he said in an interview. "The problem is that you spend almost 10 years and who knows how much money, and you never get to the point of saying who was responsible."

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*It is the same with the Jews who were murdered at the death camps in World War II. The Catholic Nazis are the German officers who ran the camps and make false apologies saying, "We are so sorry because we could have done more to stop those Jews from being murdered," when it was them all along. They also are the ones behind the D.H.S. stealing children (Christian children) and today's Catholic-controlled world government persecution of true Christians—sending*

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## Africa

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I have the great pleasure of taking time today to send you some words to sincerely thank you for a blessing. What was it? It was your book, *The Messiah*. I was gravely ill after my husband died, and tired of the many problems of this world, when someone came and told me about Jesus through your book. I received the message and believed it. I was healed and my children were also healed, and we are all saved.

After that, I received God's call for the ministry of evangelizing among children. I am now growing in this ministry, in the territory called Mono-Koufo. I must tell you that all of this has been possible because of your *Messiah* book, which the children are helping me read and interpret. I give thanks to God, and thank you very much for everything.

Finally, for the evolution of the work of God, I would like you to always send me some books, Bibles, literature, and so on. Pastor, also hold us up in your prayers.

Thank you in advance, and may God bless you abundantly. Amen.

D.J. Cotonou, Benin, Africa



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## California

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To Pastor Tony,

When I was fourteen years old, I entered the foster care system because my mother had a mental breakdown and was no longer able to take care of me.

I discovered many horrifying things while I was in foster care. For instance, almost all the young women I talked to, who had been in DCFS since they were little girls, had been sexually abused while they were in foster care. Also, many had been physically and verbally abused. Depression, suicidal tendencies, emotional disturbance, melancholia, and despair were rampant symptoms or characteristics of children who had been through foster care.

Many of the children in state custody felt that those responsible for taking care of them were uninterested in their wellbeing. I personally felt that most of the workers for DCFS considered us foster children to be nothing more than a paycheck. I observed that many healthy children without any mental illnesses were required to take prescription uppers or downers. Oftentimes, group home facilities employed the most vulgar of men and women to oversee the children.

While in foster care, I worked as a student intern at the DCFS West Covina location. Also, I was part of a non-profit organization called California Youth Connection or CYC comprised of foster children, former foster children, and social workers. The avenue we took to improve foster care in California was by formulating law and then presenting it to the legislation to pass. We met with some success in this endeavor.

A year after I was emancipated from the foster care system, I found a far better way to help foster children and the world, through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

My experience in DCFS drove me into depression, drugs, alcohol, hopelessness, bitterness, and hatred, but out of all these things the Lord Jesus Christ delivered me. I now have joy, peace, hope, love, compassion, confidence in God, and power of the Holy Spirit to overcome everything. And if it were not for the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries, I would not have come to know my Savior Jesus Christ, and I would not have found rest in my soul.

Mark Benfield

Canyon Country, CA

Dear Tony,

You are a great inspiration to anyone with an ear to hear. I am sure you've earned the spiritual Congressional Medal of Honor for exposing yourself repeatedly to fire from all directions to rescue the lost. Likewise for suffering so many of the indignities and defamation of character the Lord did, and for the same purpose—to establish His Word on earth.

A thousand Judases can blaspheme the Holy Spirit in their contempt, nevertheless, they shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand.

According to all I've read of the Bible your greatest ministry is yet to come. Sad, most won't repent even when scorched with great heat and all the other plagues.

I know it was God who called you and moved you all these years. It's up to Him now to finish the work. After all, you have the same attorney as Elijah did on the hill while waiting for the king's 50 troops. The same one as Zechariah chapter 4 and Revelation chapter 11. The Red Sea, the fiery furnace, the lion's den, all of these have only led to great wonders throughout all of history.

Looking for great triumph and more than conquering victory.

Sonny Brubach

Canyon Country, CA

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weak-minded young people to brain-washing centers like the Catholic Cult Awareness Network, now called Well-spring, which they (the Catholic government) call "counseling centers." The Catholic-controlled FBI bribes, threatens, and bugs false witnesses to destroy real churches. They threaten to adopt all Christian children if they, the parents, don't stop going to our church, which is the Tony Alamo Christian Church.

Ask God to save your soul. Then join us in winning souls to Christ and exposing the Antichrist and its cover-up government. Start by saying this prayer to God:

### PRAYER

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>1</sup> I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.<sup>2</sup> I believe that He died on the

cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.<sup>3</sup> I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit,<sup>4</sup> and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>5</sup> I open up the door of my heart, and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>7</sup> You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus; You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible, says so.<sup>8</sup> Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>10</sup> And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.<sup>11</sup>

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are neces-

sary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow Jesus for the purpose of mortifying your flesh, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the watery death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of authority to reign for God with Christ on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God in Christ on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, submit yourselves one to another, and do what the Word says so that the church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God bless and reward you abundantly.

Yours in the wonderful name of Jesus,  
Pastor Tony Alamo

**1** Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 **2** Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 **3** Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 **4** Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-7 **5** Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 **6** I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 **7** Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 **8** Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 **9** Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 **10** Heb. 11:6 **11** John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

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