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WITNESSES TO CLERGY ABUSE (2013)

In 2002, with the disconcerting revelation by the *Boston Globe* Spotlight Team of extensive clergy abuse throughout the Boston archdiocese, the city suddenly became the epicenter of the long-hidden and dark secrets of the Catholic Church. Further investigations brought to light the all-pervasive abuse of power and authority of pedophile priests, followed by a carefully orchestrated cover-up as Church officials focused on preserving and protecting the image of the institution. This decision led to countless cases of physical, sexual and psychological abuse of young boys and girls across the country and continents. Countering the betrayal, victimization, and failed accountability are the voices of individual survivors who courageously broke through the silence, along with those of the advocates who persistently confronted these unconscionable acts. With accountability and openness, it is now time to acknowledge the sins of the past and seek justice and renewal.

“What distinguishes the Church in this sexual abuse scandal is not so much that some percentage of priests did this, but that the institution betrayed the people who looked to it for all sorts of spiritual and moral leadership.” (Walter V. Robinson, *Boston Globe* Investigative Reporter)

“The mentality of somebody who could abuse a child is unfathomable to those really know the worth of a child....It just takes years to unwrap all of the guilt, the shame and the confusion that these people put into you when they do something like that.” (Robert Hoatson, Executive Director, Road to Recovery)

“Then there's the sense of betrayal. As I see it, the Church, the Catholic Church, is in crisis.” (Rev. Raymond Helmick, SJ, conflict resolution specialist)

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