

## 2014 update

[Crux, a Catholic news site](#)

A new site from the Boston Globe includes news updates on clergy abuse and other Catholic issues.

## Coverage

Globe coverage of the scandal has been divided into nine categories:

## Predator priests

The worst abusers preyed on dozens of children in many parishes around Boston. | [Go](#) |

## Scandal and coverup

For years, the church moved priests and paid off victims to keep abuse cases quiet. | [Go](#) |

## The victims

Hundreds of people have come forward claiming they were abused by clergy. | [Go](#) |

## The financial cost

With hundreds of lawsuits pending, the church could be forced into bankruptcy. | [Go](#) |

## Cardinal Law and the laity

An energized lay movement helped force the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law. | [Go](#) |

## The church's response

Church leaders have turned over priest files and adopted a new policy on sex abuse. | [Go](#) |

## The clergy

Priests around Boston have struggled to comfort their shaken parishioners. | [Go](#) |

## Investigations and lawsuits

## BOOK REVIEW

## Rector's book on clergy, sex is bestseller -- among priests

By Michael Paulson, Globe Staff, 6/3/2000

### The Changing Face of the Priesthood

By Rev. Donald B. Cozzens

Liturgical Press, 168 pp., \$14.95



Buy it on [Amazon.com](#) (Boston.com receives a small percentage of each sale.)

**A** slender volume of somber reflections on the priesthood by the rector of a Catholic seminary has become an unexpected hit among priests, raising eyebrows with its unsparing discussion of celibacy, homosexuality, and sexual abuse among the clergy.

In the book, "The Changing Face of the Priesthood," the Rev. Donald B. Cozzens suggests that the priesthood is, or is becoming, a gay profession.

He obliquely criticizes the church hierarchy for its refusal to allow discussion of the issue of celibacy. And he warns that "the scandal of clergy misconduct with minors has cast a long shadow on the credibility and authority of priests and bishops -- a shadow that will last well into" the 21st century.

"There is little doubt in the minds of priests that the church stands at a precarious point at the turn of the millennium," Cozzens writes. "The honesty and courage required of the church, especially of its . . . leaders, is considerable."

The thoughts expressed in the book are remarkable less because of their content than because of their author. Cozzens, who heads Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Cleveland, is a respected priest who previously authored a well-received book on priestly spirituality.

"Priests are talking about it," said the Rev. Frank J. McNulty of Newark, who represented US priests in a 1986 meeting with the pope. "Some critics are saying, 'Why is he jumping on this stuff?' But I think it's good for priests to read a book that's honest."

Cozzens said he has received letters from about 100 priests since the book's release in February.

"It's not that he's making some great revelation that nobody knows about, but he's saying what some people don't want to have said," said Sandra M. Schneiders of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif.

Schneiders called the book "the best thing that's been written on the current state of the Catholic priesthood in recent times." That sentiment was echoed by Dean Hoge, a sociologist and specialist on the priesthood at Catholic University of America, who said



