

New Submission to Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations

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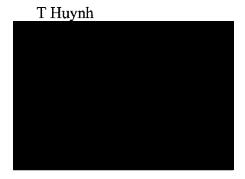
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referring to the documentary overeseas evidence from ABC "depart us from evil" and anecdotal evidence from international human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson, QC told on ABC "Q&A" the vatican peddle their pedophile brothers/priests/ membership . this is criminal behaviour. like any organised crime, aiding & abetting the crime should have the leader held accountable. the pope should be prosecuted, tried & charged in an international court of law, with an expert panel of judges . their internal practices should be made transparent & public

i was baptised as a catholic but now as a parent i do not have confidence or trust in enrolling my children into a catholic school unless there is a public trial of those responsible for the pedophile crimes the popularity and membership of the roman catholic church will continue to dwindle as this well-known issue continues to hang over their heads, and that of government as victims seek justice the vatican's immunity is so obviously contentious, and spreads the message to the future generation that those in a religious organisation are above the law, and can seek "immunity" from the president

from the united states . this sets a bad example to the general public who are already losing confidence in religion & questioning the leadership of government, because this is such a public issue pressure will continue to mount