

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INDICTS HOLY SEE

Amnesty International recently released its annual report indicting the Holy See saying it “did not sufficiently comply with its international obligations relating to the protection of children.” The report did not list a single instance of a human rights violation that took place anywhere in the world in 2010 under the auspices of the Holy See, yet it still managed to condemn its human rights record.

As if the Vatican is responsible for the behavior of priests all over the world, the report indicts the Holy See for “child sexual abuse committed by members of the clergy *over the past decades*, and of the enduring failure of the Catholic Church to address these crimes properly, [continues] to emerge in various countries.” (Our italics.) Ideology and not objective research was clearly at work.

Amnesty International also indicted the Holy See for not mandating that the police be contacted in cases of sexual abuse. But this is true of virtually every nation, so why single out the Church?

The Holy See should now issue a report on secular organizations which disrespect marriage and the family, listing Amnesty International’s embrace of gay marriage as Exhibit A.