

# BOGUS LAWSUIT IS HARD TO BEAT

No segment of the population has been inundated with more bogus lawsuits than Catholic priests. The latest one out of Rhode Island is hard to top.

A Pawtucket man said he was molested by a member of the New England Province of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart when he was in the seventh grade. But there are a few problems with his tale:

- the alleged abuse took place more than a half-century ago
- the alleged offender is dead
- the accuser never reported the offense to the authorities
- the accuser never contacted the religious order
- the school where this allegedly happened is closed
- the accuser says he never remembered the alleged abuse until he watched a TV show about molestation in 2008
- the accuser says the Penn State case has added to his pain
- the accuser says he doesn't trust people
- the accuser has been married seven times
- the accuser has had 82 jobs

His legal counsel, Mitchell Garabedian, is one of America's premier steeple-chasing lawyers; he is utterly shameless and has an embarrassing track record in court.

But one can look at the bright side: this case suggests that the haters of the Catholic Church are running out of "victims" to exploit.