

# FEIGNED OUTRAGE OVER SEXUAL ABUSE



Bill Donohue comments on the sexual abuse of minors:

Most Americans are truly outraged over the sexual abuse of minors, but there are many who feign anger. Take Mark Ruffalo, star of "Spotlight": he held a protest outside a Cathedral—almost no one showed up—before the Oscars. Upon receiving his award, the movie's screenwriter, Josh Singer, took the occasion to lecture Pope Francis. He's a little late: most of the homosexual abuse in the Church took place between 1965 and 1985. If these people were sincere, they would focus on all abusers, not just priests. For example, the following recent cases elicited no protests.

- In January, a Saint Paul, Minnesota man was sentenced to 270 days in jail for molesting two girls under the age of 15
- In January, a Schenectady, New York man who had previously raped a disabled woman was sentenced to six months in jail for abusing two girls: one was 7 and the other was 9
- In January, a rabbi from East Brunswick, New Jersey was

convicted of indecent assault of a child under the age of 13; he was sentenced to 11-23 months

- In February, a Phoenix man was placed on probation for sexually abusing a teenage girl
- In February, a West Linn, Oregon man was sentenced to two months in jail for sexually molesting male students
- In February, a Cheyenne, Wyoming man was given 5 years probation for having sex with a 14-year-old girl
- In February, a Brooklyn rabbi was sentenced to 60 days in jail for groping four boys, forcing two of them to perform oral sex on him [Only one New York newspaper, the *Daily News*, did a story]

Priests, of course, are treated differently. To wit: a Missouri priest who possessed child pornography, Fr. Shawn Ratigan, was sentenced to 50 years in prison, even though he never abused anyone. And Fr. Gordon MacRae was sentenced to 67 years for a crime that most independent observers agree he never committed. But there will be no "Spotlight" movie about MacRae's ordeal. Bet on it.