

# JOURNAL SENTINEL SHOWS ITS BIAS

Many bishops have made public the names of suspected sexual offenders. By contrast, not a single institution, secular or religious, has done likewise. To be sure, this brazen honesty has persuaded fair-minded people to applaud such efforts, but others seek to exploit. For example, in July the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* featured pictures of 45 priests who at one time or another had substantiated allegations made against them. This is pure hype: Archbishop Dolan posted their names 9 years ago. Where are the pictures of alleged sex offenders in non-Catholic communities? Where is the same level of scrutiny?

The *Journal Sentinel* said the bishops' conference adopted a charter in 2002 addressing the sexual abuse of minors. "How effective that charter has been is a matter of some debate." Nonsense. In the past six years, the average number of credible allegations made against over 40,000 priests is exactly 7.0. If the *Journal Sentinel* knows of any institution with a comparable record, it should say so. Its comment about a 2011 grand jury report in Philadelphia failed to mention the 20-plus errors that have been found, to say nothing about the veracity of the principal accuser: he is a congenital liar, school dropout, thief and drug addict.

No one disputes the timeline of the scandal—the mid-60s to the mid-80s—so it makes one wonder whether those who continue to harp on this issue are motivated by something other than the well-being of minors. Not only are current cases of such abuse being ignored in non-Catholic communities, few are touting the reforms made by the Catholic community as a model for others.

Cardinal Dolan did not create this problem; on the contrary, he is among those who sought to fix it.