

# The Boston Globe's New Attack on Catholic Priests and Celibacy Rules

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*The Boston Globe's "Spotlight" team is out with another attack on the Catholic priesthood: this one a two-part series on "Children of Catholic priests" who "live with secrets and sorrow."*

*Using a few highly publicized cases, and several anecdotal stories, reporter [Michael Rezendes](#) concludes that by "any reasonable measure, there are thousands" of children around the world "who have strong evidence that they are the sons and daughters of Catholic priests." Yet as he acknowledges, with over 400,000 priests worldwide, even if the unsubstantiated "thousands" estimate is accepted, that could amount to as little as one percent or less of priests having fathered a child. And as he further acknowledges, some of these priests "took their responsibility seriously." [READ MORE HERE](#)*