

He who says, "I am a Christian"

or even "I am a high-ranking Christian, a cardinal, bishop, priest or pastor" should be a model, or at least a good example, of the fulfillment of the Christian teaching, the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth. But since most church authorities do not follow the spiritual-ethical principles which Jesus of Nazareth taught us, turning instead their so-called Christian churches into a power-structure with a lot of folderol and fuss, and containing many concessions to the rich, the so-called priests have lost sight of the Christian norms which Jesus of Nazareth taught us. And so, their flock, too – the followers who call themselves as they do, Protestants or Catholic – has lost the connection to these same Christian principles.

Genocide and Terrorism Until Recently

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In Rwanda, during 100 days of terror, 800,000 people were killed. The Church was the only organization that had the authority to have stopped this bloodbath. Yet "most of its priests and nuns either stood on the sidelines and watched this bloodbath or even actively helped the murderers."
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A Genealogy of Crime

According to the judgement of historical experts, there is no world organization which "in ancient, middle and modern times, including the contemporary age and especially during the 20th century, is so dreadfully burdened with crime as the Christian Churches, particularly the Roman Catholic Church." This, according to Karlheinz Deschner, a well-known German church historian. And the former Jesuit, Earl Hoensbroch, came to the following conclusion: "Over centuries, the Popes stood at the forefront of a bloody and murderous system that slaughtered more people and caused more cultural and social destruction than any war or any epidemic, all in the name of God and in the name of Jesus Christ." What about today?



In the middle of the 20th century, between 1941-1943, 750,000 orthodox Serbs were murdered in Croatia – where Catholic clerics decisively contributed to this with the silent consent of the Vatican.

Right: The Papal Nuntius with Pavelic (to the right), the fascist leader who ordered the massacre.

Vatican; or think of the 1994 massacre in Rwanda, of which Catholic priests and nuns took part and have since been condemned for genocide; or think of the crimes of Catholic and Protestant fanatics in Northern Ireland, which has cost thousands of lives.

Sexual Crimes

In the USA a scandal has spread like wildfire – started by the sentence passed on 66-year old John Geoghan, who for years molested nearly 200 young boys. A Southern Germany newspaper wrote the following on March 22, 2002: "Geoghan's case is not a daily occurrence, but neither is he an exception to the rule in the American Catholic Church. Since his sentencing more than 1600 priests all over the US have been accused of sexual abuse, 80 of them alone in his own diocese in Boston. Shocked, the public learns how Church leaders for years,

tens of years, hushed and covered up the scandal, keeping it secret. Mostly, these never were prosecuted, instead, the silence of abused children and their parents was simply bought. In total, the New York Times reports that the Church in the US has paid the unimaginable sheer sum of almost 1 billion dollars in compensation and hush money."

Bishops as Sexual Abusers

In Poland recently, even an Archbishop was exposed as a sexual abuser. On February 25, 2002 the Berlin Daily News reported: "It was the Daily Rzeczpospolita that triggered the scandal by writing: 'Sins in the Archbishop's Palace. All indications point to the fact that one of the highest officials in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church as well as his subordinate clerics and lay persons have sexually molested and abused their diocese.

Now it is time to break through the silence. For at least two years the 'weakness' of the Archbishop has been known in Church circles.

Letters of protest from the cleric and lay persons against the encroachment of the homosexual Archbishop, written to the Polish Bishop's Synod, the Papal Nuntius in Warsaw and the Vatican remained without echo. The chief editor of a Catholic magazine who pressed for clarification regarding the accusations was sent in punishment to a mission in Zambia.' Thus wrote the newspaper, finishing with a quote from a Catholic who said, 'Am I glad my son was never a ministrant.'"

Issue Is Played Down

Some months ago detailed reports were circulated in Rome on a perfidious system of sexual exploitation of nuns and young girls in convent schools by priests and bishops. The worst cases are found in Africa where clerics concerned about the dangers of Aids avoid bordellos and seek to satisfy their lust among their own circles. Detailed reports, known to the Vatican for years, state that sexual abuse and even rape of the sisters by priests and bishops is widespread. When the victims become pregnant, they are urged to abort. Hundreds of such reports lie before the Vatican – not only from Africa, but from 23 countries in total.

This whole issue has long been hushed up. And now, the Pope writes soothingly in a message to his priests about "...the sins of some of our brothers ... in succumbing even to the most grievous forms of the mystery of evil ... All of us – conscious of human weakness, but trusting in