

## Introductory Resources for Classes and Reading Groups

**IN ADDITION TO THE PLETHORA OF ACADEMIC WORK** available on the abuse crisis, we want to share the following list of short, accessible resources (largely journalism and audio-video media) on the abuse crisis. Any would make a good basis for discussion groups among staff or older students who do not plan to plunge deeply into the academic literature.

### **If you need renewed energy for addressing sexual abuse in the church and church institutions:**

- Sam Sawyer, SJ, “Watching ‘Spotlight,’” *America*, November 6, 2015, <https://www.americamagazine.org/content/all-things/watching-spotlight-young-priest>
  - Sawyer movingly prays to be converted from the desire to have the scandal be “over.”
- Sasha Kleinsorge, Therese Cirner, and Karen Klein Villa, “Clergy Sex Abuse: Why Do We Still Need to Talk About This?,” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, 2021, <https://www.hprweb.com/2021/01/clergy-sex-abuse-why-do-we-still-need-to-talk-about-this>

### **If you want a refresher on the basics, or a discussion text for a group or course:**

- Maggie van Dorn, *Deliver Us*, podcast, *America*, 2018, <https://www.americamagazine.org/deliverus>
  - While an 11-part podcast is not a short read, its relatively brief episodes cover significant historical and present-day ground, including several victim testimonies, in a user-friendly manner.
- Bradford Hinze, *Confronting a Church in Controversy* (Paulist, 2022)
  - This short book, which takes the abuse scandal as its core example, is written as a course text for undergraduates in theology, but would easily adapt to a parish or university discussion group.

### **If you are involved in administration:**

- Joseph Chinnici, *When Values Collide: The Catholic Church, Sexual Abuse, and the Challenges of Leadership* (Orbis, 2010).
  - This is the odd selection out on this list: it is both an older work, and a book written by an academic. However, any administrator who has tried to hold together the desire to preserve institutions and the desire to acknowledge institutional responsibility for the abuse crisis will find its exploration vital.

### **For an introduction to the dynamics of abuse perpetrated against racial minorities:**

- Associated Press, “Church offers little outreach to minority victims of priests,” January 4, 2020, <https://apnews.com/article/us-news-ap-top-news-ca-state-wire-or-state-wire-the-reckoning-00a7a65248e-88ccf3e9dcd2b6054bbdc>
- Frontline, *The Silence*, documentary film, 2011, <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/the-silence/>
- “Neglected Voices in the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis,” panel discussion hosted by Georgetown’s Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life,” October 2022, <https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/events/neglected-voices-in-the-clergy-sexual-abuse-crisis>
  - A deeply researched news article on African American victims, a documentary on Native American victims, and a panel discussion looking more broadly at the issue of racism and sexual abuse: these are three highly accessible entry points to thinking about the abuse crisis in an intersectional way.

### **If you want to know more about cutting-edge youth safeguarding methods:**

- Hans Zollner, SJ, “How Is the Catholic Church Safeguarding Children? A Perspective After the Recent Developments in Europe,” April 5, 2022, <https://nanovic.nd.edu/news/this-is-our-real-ministry-fr-hans-zollner-s-j-on-the-catholic-churchs-response-to-the-sexual-abuse-crises/>

**If you are concerned about clergy misconduct against adult employees:**

- Stephen Edward de Weger, “Insincerity, Secrecy, Neutralisation, Harm: Reporting Clergy Sexual Misconduct against Adults—A Survivor-Based Analysis,” *Religions* 13, no. 4 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13040309>

**If your institution participates in mission work:**

- In 2021, Jesuit Volunteer Corps International founder Ted Dziak, SJ, was accused of abuse by a former JVC (news article at [https://www.nola.com/news/article\\_6c19ea84-9ec0-11eb-bf22-a7bc51d65928.html](https://www.nola.com/news/article_6c19ea84-9ec0-11eb-bf22-a7bc51d65928.html)) In response, JVC posted a variety of policy updates: <https://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/jvc-news/jvc-news-response-to-a-recent-article-about-sexual-abuse>
- Associated Press, “A US Priest, a Phillippine Village, and Decades of Secrecy,” September 9, 2019, <https://apnews.com/article/philippines-us-news-ap-top-news-international-news-crime-e8c2209aa8144b6c-9bc637cb264dcf79>
  - Together, these cases suggest two potentially harmful dynamics of mission work: in small, intense environments both subordinate mission workers (such as the young JVC) and marginalized, minoritized communities may be especially at risk.

**If you want to catch up on developments in academic and other literature**

- Brian Clites, “Breaking Our Silence: A Primer for Research on Clergy Sexual Abuse,” *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*, November 2020, <https://cushwa.nd.edu/news/breaking-our-silence/>
  - Clites, whose academic work is on the survivor movement, summarizes the lengthy history of research on the abuse crisis in multiple fields.
- Massimo Faggioli and Mary Catherine O’Reilly-Gindhart, “A New Wave in the Modern History of the Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church: Literature Overview, 2018–2020,” *Theological Studies* 82, no. 1 (2021): 156-85.
  - Literature reviews date very quickly, but this survey of academic literature in multiple languages in the immediate wake of 2018’s scandals spots trends, especially literature covering non-US contexts.

