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## Profile of Bishop Lori

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The Hartford Courant has a profile of Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn.: [Bridgeport Bishop Is An Energetic, Outspoken Defender Of Church](#)

Since becoming bishop of Bridgeport in 2001, the confluence of the spiritual and the secular has shaped [Lori's] public profile, placing him at the forefront of church-state issues in Connecticut.

He has waged a persistent and forceful legal battle to prevent the disclosure of documents relating to the clergy sex abuse scandal in the diocese and, earlier this year, he helped lead a high-profile campaign against state legislation that would have sharply altered the governance structure of Catholic parishes.

In both cases, Lori staked out a position as an energetic and outspoken defender of the church in the face of what he and his supporters view as unconstitutional government intrusion.

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