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Bridgeport diocese sex abuse files now public

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"Claims are claims. Allegations are allegations."

Those six words uttered by retired Cardinal Edward M. Egan during two depositions neatly sum up his approach to handling the burgeoning priest sexual abuse scandal that he inherited when he took over the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut in the late 1980s.

Those begins *The Hartford Courant's* story that begins to examine the 12,600 pages of documents -- including transcripts of depositions and personnel files of pedophile priests -- that were made available to the public today after a seven-year court battle by the Bridgeport Diocese to keep them secret.

Here's the *Courant's* story: Cardinal Edward Egan Protected Abusive Priests At Victims' Expense

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