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## Challenging the church on abuse

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Recommended reading: *The New York Times*' "Room for Debate: A running commentary on the news" blog has a must read series of articles, Changing the Vatican's Response to Abuse, about the clergy sex abuse crisis. *NCR* has been dogging this story since the mid-1980s. With attention focused squarely on the highest levels of church structures, I think it is fair to say that this crisis has entered a new phase.

Regular *NCR* readers will recognize all the people the *Times* asked to write on the topic. Our senior correspondent, **John L. Allen Jr.**, is there, as is our Young Voices columnist **Nicole Sotelo**. **Nicholas Cafardi** has written commentary for us before, and **David Gibson** has written for us too. I am not sure if **David Clohessy** has ever actually written for us -- I'll have to check the archives -- but he has been a news source innumerable times.

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