

## **That's not fantasy; it's fact.**

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History professor Jonathan Zimmerman adds some perspective to the recent charges of media bias and anti-Catholicism that some in the church hierarchy have leveled at the media and critics of how the church has handled cases of sexual abuse by clergy:

As the church's defenders note, America has a long, hideous history of anti-Catholic bigotry. But whereas earlier attacks on Catholics were based on fantasy, the abuse scandal is altogether real. By ignoring the difference, church apologists end up diminishing the real discrimination that Catholics suffered in the past.

Read Zimmerman's full piece in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*: [Anti-Catholic bias irrelevant to scandal](#) [1].

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