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Compromised hierarchy needs relational wisdom of women

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If the church is to emerge from the crisis of the clergy sex abuse scandal and cover up and enter a new day, rather than being permanently degraded and diminished by it, a vital project of renewal is needed. It would involve all Catholics -- laity, nuns and priests, including the hierarchy -- in an energetic search for creative and vital means of replacing patterns of domination and control with more cooperative ways of interacting.

A regenerated church would honor and ensconce the talents of both sexes throughout the levels of management as well as all areas of pastoral care.

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