

Vatican says it did not impede Irish abuse efforts

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In an unusually detailed response to recent criticism from the Irish government, the Vatican insisted today that it did not subvert efforts by the Irish bishops to report sexually abusive priests to the police, saying that claims to the contrary by Ireland's Prime Minister are "unfounded."

The Vatican had earlier recalled its ambassador to Ireland after Prime Minister Enda Kenny on July 20 denounced what he described as "the dysfunction, disconnection, elitism" the narcissism that dominates the culture of the Vatican to this day in the wake of a critical government report on the rural Colyne diocese, which found that abuse allegations had been mishandled as recently as 2009.

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