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Scandal-linked Cardinal says mass for pope



The disgraced Cardinal Law

A support group for victims of sexual abuse at the hands of Roman Catholic priests has condemned a decision by the Vatican to choose Cardinal Bernard Law to lead a Mass for Pope John Paul II. Cardinal Law had to resign as Archbishop of Boston in 2002, following accusations that he covered up sexual abuse of children by priests.

Members of the “Survivors’ Network of Those Abused by Priests” flew to Rome to protest at the mass. David Clohessy, national director of the survivors’ network, said: “It’s an unbelievably insensitive move that simply rubs salt into the very deep wounds of thousands of abuse victims and American Catholics.” blemish James Post, the president of one of the advocacy groups, the Voice of the Faithful, said: “Cardinal Law continues to be the living symbol of the blackish blemish on John Paul II’s papacy.”