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### “Smoking gun” found in the hand of the pope!!



The Pope . . . a concealer of pervers??

**Critics of Cardinal Law, the Boston leader of the Roman Catholic church, who was forced to resign his post because of his concealment of the criminal activities of priests in his diocese, have claimed that they have uncovered a “smoking gun” that showed that Cardinal Law and other United States Roman Catholic leaders, accused of covering up sex-abuse allegations, were acting on the pope’s orders.**

A group called the Coalition of Catholics and Survivors said it had come across the document among thousands of personnel files that the Boston archdiocese made public recently. A court hearing lawsuits against the archdiocese had ordered the release. In the document, the pope says that a defrocked Catholic priest who had a history of molesting boys should leave the areas where his “condition” was known — or stay put as long as it caused no scandal.

“That would explain why bishops have done the same thing as Cardinal Law — they’ve moved sexual offenders from parish to parish without notifying the parishioners,” said Joseph Gallagher, a co-founder of the group.

The May 25, 1999, document is a translation of the pope’s order removing Robert Burns, a convicted paedophile, from the priesthood.

Donna Morrissey, a Boston archdiocese spokeswoman, said she could not comment on matters of litigation.

Roderick MacLeish, a Boston lawyer who last week released the archdiocese’s file on Burns along with those of other priests accused of sexual misconduct, said the order was noteworthy not only because it was relatively recent but also because of its use of the word “scandal.”

### Official Teaching

In the light of this document from the pope, it can no longer be argued by defenders of the Roman Catholic church’s record of perversion and concealment, that those who did conceal such criminal activities were acting contrary to the teaching of their church. In fact they were following the orders of the one whom they believe is Christ’s Vicar on earth and who is infallible in his pronouncements! From amongst his own flock has come this allegation that the infallible pope has infallibly advised his church to allow molesters of little Roman Catholic boys to remain in their positions carrying out their “holy” duties as long as their evil molestations cause no scandal.

### Proof

Here is proof of the evil nature of Popery. Rome is as Isaiah described Israel at the time of its apostasy: “From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but



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wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isaiah 1:6).

Let it be remembered that once the pervert priest is caught out in his wickedness, then the bishops and cardinals and the pope himself will break out into lamentations of grief at these terrible disclosures. What fools those people who have believed the abominable pretences of Rome have been! We address this comment, not at Roman Catholics but those professing Christians in the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist churches who persist in remaining within these denominations as their Romeward march continues.

Is not the world-wide rounding upon the Church of Rome and the long-overdue critical look at her true nature but the foreshadowing of the fulfillment of that word in Revelation chapter 17:16-17? "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled."