

Estimated level of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy by the estimated level of paedophile priests

The following figures reflect the estimated percentage of paedophile priest using public sources, such as Pope Francis to expert reports, to qualify those figures

1. Various sources have claimed that the percentage of religious priests who are paedophiles is roughly:
 - a. 2% as claimed by Pope Francis (interview with Eugenio Scalfari [<https://bit.ly/1m6Uy5S> - EN <https://bit.ly/2O1u6VS>]) in keeping with Dr. Richard Sipe in 1990, John Jay Report at <http://bit.ly/LOJiBb> page 216.
 - b. 4% as claimed by Bryan T. Froehle in 1997, John Jay Report at <http://bit.ly/LOJiBb> page 27.
 - c. 6% as claimed by Spotlight in keeping with Dr. Richard Sipe references made in the film where 90 priests are the estimate from a population of 1,500
 - d. 7% as claimed by Australian Royal Commission <http://jrn1.ie/3224627> Report based on allegation between 1950 and 2010.
 - e. Variations on the percentage are also noted where NSAC claim Boston actually has 8.9% of the Catholic religious are paedophiles

What is clearly shown by these figures for sexual abuse of Catholic minors is that Italy as a country has the potential to exceed the reported number of victims of clerical child sexual abuse to that in other countries worldwide. A government inquiry is essential in Italy in order to get at the truth providing pathways to justice and support to address the scandal of clerical child sexual abuse.

The scale of abuse in Italy has the potential to be the greatest of any country. I have no idea what figures you have on how many survivors of clerical child sexual abuse have come forward in Italy. I have done the following research based on current statistics on the catholic population and the total number of priests in Italy at this time. Depending on the percentage of priests considered to be paedophiles, 2%, 4%, 6%, etc I was able to estimate the number of paedophile priests in Italy according to that percentage. I then multiplied the number of paedophile priests by the estimated number of victims per paedophile priest to estimate the number of survivors. If only 10% of survivors came forward in Italy where 7% of Italian priests were paedophiles, the same proportion as Australia, there would be anything from 17,500 to 87,700 reported survivors of clerical child sexual abuse. Currently the total number of reported survivors in Ireland and the United States is 18,500, or 4,444 survivors in Australia, or 3,677 in Germany with many more to be included yet. The scale of the reported survivors is increasing as more people find the strength and courage to come forward.

The following data provides estimates from varying percentage rates of priests who might be paedophiles at this time. The resultant figures representing the estimated number of paedophile priests in a number of different countries are then multiplied by the estimated number of victims per paedophile priest. From this we can estimate the total number of unreported victims. Some experts believe that only 10% of victims come forward. It is easy from the following table to estimate the expected numbers of victims who may have reported their abuse in countries like Italy where there has been no governmental inquiry into clerical child sexual abuse.

Country	Source	Catholic Population	Priests	2%	4%	6%	7%	8%
Australia		5,239,000	3,115	62	125	187	218	249
	Greeley			3,115	6,230	9,345	10,903	12,460
	Sipe			15,575	31,150	46,725	54,513	62,300
Belgium		7,775,000	7,279	146	291	437	510	582
	Greeley			7,279	14,558	21,837	25,477	29,116
	Sipe			36,395	72,790	109,185	127,383	145,580
Canada		13,070,000	8,441	169	338	506	591	675
	Greeley			8,441	16,882	25,323	29,544	33,764
	Sipe			42,205	84,410	126,615	147,718	168,820
Germany		26,297,000	18,365	367	735	1,102	1,286	1,469
	Greeley			18,365	36,730	55,095	64,278	73,460
	Sipe			91,825	183,650	275,475	321,388	367,300
Great Britain		4,787,000	5,653	113	226	339	396	452
	Greeley			5,653	11,306	16,959	19,786	22,612
	Sipe			28,265	56,530	84,795	98,928	113,060
Ireland		4,161,000	4,690	94	188	281	328	375
	Greeley			4,690	9,380	14,070	16,415	18,760
	Sipe			23,450	46,900	70,350	82,075	93,800
Italy		57,665,000	50,148	1,003	2,006	3,009	3,510	4,012
	Greeley			50,148	100,296	150,444	175,518	200,592
	Sipe			250,740	501,480	752,220	877,590	1,002,960
Poland		35,010,000	28,457	569	1,138	1,707	1,992	2,277
	Greeley			28,457	56,914	85,371	99,600	113,828
	Sipe			142,285	284,570	426,855	497,998	569,140
USA		64,621,000	44,906	898	1,796	2,694	3,143	3,592
	Greeley			44,906	89,812	134,718	157,171	179,624
	Sipe			224,530	449,060	673,590	785,855	898,120

Fr Andrew M. Greeley, Professor of Sociology at University of Chicago, who believes there are 50 victims per priest.

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