

WHAT THE SEXUAL ABUSE PHENOMENON HAS DONE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Floor Ballroom

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In this lecture, Thomas P. Doyle will explore the complex nature of the world-wide reality of sexual violation of minors and the vulnerable by Catholic clerics and religious and the systemic mishandling, denial and coverup by the hierarchy. This is not a new phenomenon in the Church, suddenly surfacing in the 1980's. The clergy abuse phenomenon has had a clear impact on civil society, and it has brought significant change to the institutional Church. But most important, it has revealed the need for a fundamental evolution in several essential elements of the Church.

About the Speaker

Tom Doyle was ordained a Dominican priest in 1970. He holds graduate degrees in philosophy, theology, political science, church administration and has a doctorate in canon law. He is also a licensed addictions therapist. He has been involved with the clergy sex abuse issue since 1984 when he was working at the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C. His experience includes extensive research, expert witness and consultant work for civil and criminal cases and grand juries throughout the United States, and similar work in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

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