The Catholic Church has faced a raft of allegations of child sex abuse by priests and an inadequate response by bishops. Here is a round-up of some of those events:

**BELGIUM.** After the Vangheluwe case came to light, a commission set up to investigate the extent of abuse in the Belgian Church received a flood of calls. Police controversially raided the commission and Church offices, suspecting some evidence was being covered up - but this move was ruled illegal by a Belgian court. In September 2010 the head of the commission released harrowing details of some 300 cases of alleged sexual abuse by Belgian clergy. The abuse was found in nearly every diocese, and 13 alleged victims had committed suicide, he said. In a previously unpublished essay, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI addresses the sex abuse scandal, its context, and the Church's response to it.

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Catholic News Agency Essay 42 Print. Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd as he concludes his final public appearance from the balcony of the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, on the day of his resignation, in this Feb. 28, 2013, file photo. In a recent letter to an Italian journalist, Pope Benedict said questions about the validity of his resignation are "absurd."

The Catholic Church has no one to blame but itself for the loss of trust the Pennsylvania report will provoke, says Helen Alvaré. But in a world of expert, lay-Catholic initiatives framing and teaching the beauty of Catholic sexual morality, some Catholics will continue to hold themselves to these standards, and to pass them on to their children -- even if they no longer trust the church to provide them with guidance. VATICAN CITY--Church officials reacted badly when investigative journalists at The Boston Globe in 2002 uncovered a pattern of sexual abuse of minors by clerics and a widespread culture of cover-up. One cardinal blamed the crisis on the "Jewish media" and decried a smear campaign against Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law who, after leaving Boston in disgrace for his role protecting predator priests, was appointed by Pope John Paul II to a powerful position at the Vatican selecting bishops. This week at a conference here called by Pope Francis about the protection of minors in the Catholic Church, n Analyzing sex abuse in the Catholic Church, the chapters explore the complex causes underlying the scandal and show how the larger organizational context contributed to it. The book goes far beyond church abuses to provide a comprehensive understanding of how unethical behavior can emerge in all kinds of social contexts and how it should be handled. Anyone with a serious interest in ethical behavior in modern organizations will find it a compelling read.

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