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## 23 State AGs Investigating Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church

### Alabama

- Unable to investigate under current law: <https://www.al.com/news/2018/11/in-alabama-archaic-laws-fail-catholic-child-sex-abuse-victims.html>

### Alaska - Archdiocese Investigating

- Archdiocese of Anchorage Launches Own Independent Commission for Investigation of Sexual Misconduct: <https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/press-release-about-independent-commission/>
- August 22, 2019, 7 Clergy Members Named in Review: <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2019/08/22/seven-alaska-clergy-members-named-in-catholic-church-review-of-sexual-misconduct-allegations/>

### Arizona - No Official Investigation Underway Yet

- Survivors of Abuse Asking for Statewide Investigation: [https://www.azfamily.com/news/survivors-of-sex-abuse-by-priests-pushing-arizona-ag-to/article\\_72b41f8e-b95e-11e9-85b9-fb9c9cc7a295.html](https://www.azfamily.com/news/survivors-of-sex-abuse-by-priests-pushing-arizona-ag-to/article_72b41f8e-b95e-11e9-85b9-fb9c9cc7a295.html)
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### Arkansas

- AG Working with Catholic Church to Investigate: <https://talkbusiness.net/2018/09/ag-rutledge-to-work-with-state-catholic-diocese-to-investigate-church-abuse-allegations-in-arkansas/>

### California - Official Investigation

- AG Investigating Catholic Church Handling of Abuse: <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-church-los-angeles-investigation-archdiocese-sex-abuse-20190503-story.html>
- Abuse Reporting Link: <https://oag.ca.gov/clergyabuse>
- CA AG Subpoenas Dioceses Records:
- <https://losangeles.legalexaminer.com/legal/california-attorney-general-subpoenas-records-from-half-of-california-dioceses/>

### Colorado - Official Investigation

- Attorney General Announcement: <https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/>
- Abuse Report Form: <https://coag.gov/resources/survivors-of-childhood-sexual-abuse/report-abuse/>
- Some Questions Colorado Investigation:
- <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/investigations/some-question-if-colorado-probe-of-catholic-church-will-uncover-full-scope-of-priests-abuse>
- Wannabe Priests Will be Evaluated:
- <https://coloradosun.com/2019/10/14/roman-catholic-church-safety-training/>
- CO Report Accuses 43 Priests of Sexual Abuse:



- <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/23/us/politics/colorado-catholic-church-abuse-investigation.html>
- Former pastor named in sex abuse probe:
- <https://www.lajuntatribunedemocrat.com/news/20191031/former-local-pastor-named-in-sex-abuse-probe>
- Colorado's Catholic Priest Abuse reparations program received 78 claims: <https://coloradosun.com/2020/02/05/colorado-catholic-priest-abuse-reparations-program/>
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- Colorado's review of Catholic Church sex abuse named priests, but not those who covered up their crimes: <https://coloradosun.com/2020/12/14/catholic-church-abuse-colorado-cover-up/>

#### **Connecticut**

- Seeking to Enact Legislation to Allow Investigation: <https://www.theday.com/article/20181027/NWS01/181029423>

#### **Delaware - Official Investigation**

- News Article: <https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-launches-widespread-probe-into-possible-sex-abuse-by-priests/>

#### **Florida - Official Investigation**

- Abuse Complaint Form: <https://www.myfloridalegal.com/contact.nsf/stopabuse>
- Bondi investigating complaints of church coverup in wake of Pennsylvania abuse indictments: [https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/Bondi-investigating-complaints-of-church-coverup-in-wake-of-Pennsylvania-abuse-indictments\\_172371251/](https://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/Bondi-investigating-complaints-of-church-coverup-in-wake-of-Pennsylvania-abuse-indictments_172371251/)
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#### **Georgia - Official Investigation**

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## **Hawaii**

- Text of Senate Resolution Passed Calling for Statewide Investigation, Passed on April 12, 2019: [https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/SR4\\_.HTM](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/SR4_.HTM)
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## **Idaho**

- Cannot launch investigation unless asked to do so by local police or sheriff force: <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/403806-states-consider-investigations-into-catholic-church-abuse>

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- Investigation Press Release: [http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2018\\_08/20180823b.html](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/pressroom/2018_08/20180823b.html)
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- Catholic churches publicly report a fraction of sexual abuse allegations: <https://www.wcia.com/news/target3/catholic-churches-publicly-report-a-fraction-of-sexual-abuse-allegations/>

## **Indiana - Official Investigation**

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- Clergy Abuse Report Form: <https://www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/3485.htm>
- News Article: <https://fox59.com/2019/03/07/attorney-general-curtis-hill-encourages-hoosiers-to-report-clergy-abuse/>
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## **Iowa - Official Investigation**

- Letter Requesting Documents From Each Diocese: [https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/media/cms/Diocese\\_Letters\\_215B6EF05BA08.pdf](https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/media/cms/Diocese_Letters_215B6EF05BA08.pdf)
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- Kansas City Diocese Names Accused Priests:  
<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article234792262.html>
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- AGs Office has yet to launch an investigation, but does seek to do so, once legislation opening an avenue for investigation are passed. <https://abcnews.go.com/US/bills-enabling-statewide-clergy-abuse-investigation-stalled-kentucky/story?id=63488194>

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- Sidell priest under investigation for child sex crime, St. Tammany Sheriff's Office confirms  
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### **Maine**

- Previous Investigation in 2004, No Current Investigation:  
<https://wgme.com/news/local/former-maine-priest-named-in-sex-abuse-report>

### **Maryland - Official Investigation**

- Hotline Information:  
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- Maryland attorney general is investigating sexual abuse in the Catholic Church:  
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- AG Nessel Finds Abuse Allegations: <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2019/12/23/michigan-nessel-clergy-abuse-probe/2737645001/>
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