

**Introduction by Catholics For Renewal to National Catholic Reporter (NCR) and other reports on Pope Francis's just-issued *motu proprio* giving certain Vatican dicasteries authority to initiate removal of bishops negligent on the handling of sexual abuse, June 2016**

The Vatican spokesman Father Lombardi has stated that the Letter simply establishes procedures for the application of the already existing law

So:

1. "Why has it taken so long to admit the responsibility of the bishops?";
2. "Why doesn't the *motu proprio* explicitly withdraw the application of the pontifical secret which presently prevents bishops reporting cases of paedophilia to the civil authorities where there is no mandatory requirement to report?; and
3. Why hasn't Francis admitted the institutional Church's culpability in knowingly protecting paedophiles through cover-ups and thus exposing further children to sexual abuse?!

Catholics for Renewal will be submitting an update of our previous Submission to the Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and will be offering some analysis of Pope Francis' Motu Proprio