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**Catholic Church: Gays? No. Drug Lords and Child Molesters? Yes. War Criminals? Maybe.**

by Michael in New York on [9/22/2005 02:00:00 AM](#)

In Mexico, Bishop Ramon Godinez is ignoring the pleas of the country's leader by insisting he has **no problem with taking money from cruel and violent drug dealers** responsible for misery and death all over the hemisphere.

"If they have money, they have to spend it; I don't know why such a scandal has been made of this," Godinez said in a follow-up interview with the Televisa television network Tuesday...

"Let me explain: **We live on this, on the offerings of the faithful.**

So it wasn't just a one-time slip of the tongue. The bishop said it, said it again, and can't figure out why people are upset. Exactly how could an unrepentant drug dealer be considered "one of the faithful?" As John posted below, back in the US, **a grand jury condemns the Philly archdiocese:**

The **Philadelphia Archdiocese concealed sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests for four decades**, a grand jury has found, but no criminal charges can be brought against the church or its clergy because of the limits of state law....

**The report names 63 priests "whose abusive behavior was well-documented in archdiocese files and by witnesses who testified"** before the grand jury.

Finally, a UN prosecutor says **the Vatican is hiding a Croatian war criminal indicted for crimes against humanity** in a monastery. The Church says "Prove it." How low can the Church sink?



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