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One painful highlight is Rev. Frank Klep, who was spirited out of Australia after being convicted of child molestation and is now in the South Pacific, claiming he is rarely around kids and no longer a threat. The reporter watched the priest hand out candy to children after Mass and later spoke to kids waiting on his doorstep. These kids had various stories: one had been picked up by the priest on the side of the road and given a ride, some cash and an offer to do chores around his house. Another kid, 14, said the priest had urged him to bring along his 13 year old friend the priest wanted to meet. And the priest even helped them with their homework -- in his private bedroom of course.

People may have "scandal fatigue" about the Catholic Church blithely molesting little kids. They shouldn't because the abuse continues. The kicker? The head of the order involved in this scandal is one of the leading candidates to become the next Pope.



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