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Note To Rome: We Haven't Forgotten

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Two priests defrocked...about forty years too late.

In 1984, Eugene O'Sullivan was sentenced to probation after he admitted sodomizing a 13-year-old altar boy. **A condition of his sentence was that he not be allowed to work with children.**

But **O'Sullivan was later assigned to four New Jersey parishes.** He was recalled to Boston in 1992 after church officials learned of another allegation against him dating to his time in Massachusetts.

Documents from O'Sullivan's personnel file, made public in 2002, show that **the archdiocese was alerted as early as the 1960s to allegations against him.**

In a 2003 deposition he gave in lawsuits filed against the archdiocese, **Cardinal Bernard Law defended his decision to allow O'Sullivan to transfer, saying he wanted to give O'Sullivan a chance at "redemption."**

Law resigned as archbishop of Boston but remains a cardinal.

In my anger, I bolded practically half the article. You don't offer a drunk redemption by giving him a job in a bar. A priest who molests children can be forgiven by God, but it is the duty of us on Earth to protect the children, not ignore the danger these people represent. Law was simply trying to brush a problem under the rug or is so twisted in his views of what is "normal" that he didn't think it was that big a deal. (I'm not exaggerating that; numerous comments by bishops about the rape of 13 year old boys that try to portray it as consensual sex show they are way out of touch with mainstream society.)

This is why many Catholics are leaving the Church.



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