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by Hope Talbot

In additional layer of the Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandals was revealed as of Dec. 17, when an other list of accused priests was made public by the USA Midwest Province Jesuits that included six former clergy members of Loyola Academy.

Three days later, the Illinois attorney general released reports in which they discovered six of the state's diocese failed to disclose 500 additional allegation cases of priest molestation to authorities, meaning 75 percent of established victims reports went unheard.

While new developments have emerged, the Catholic Church's reported history of abuse dates all the way back to 1955, right around when Loyola's first incident occurring with Reverend Donald J McGuire.

McGuire's abuse of Loyola students continued until 1957 when he, like many other clerical predators, was relocated to various institutions where his patterns of assault would span all the way to 2005.

The list on Midwest Jesuits Website was published with a statement saying that, "Many of these allegations were made after an accused Jesuit died and therefore

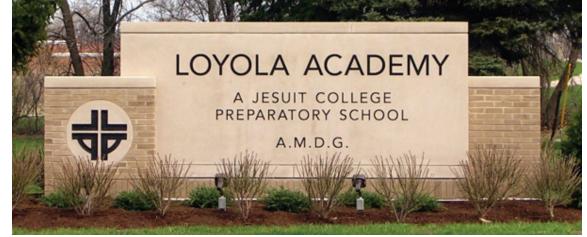
he did not have the opportunity to respond for himself," and that the list was in no way legal action against the alleged

While McGuire served prison time, several of the other accused Loyola priests, including, Rev. Wilton L. Skiffington, Rev. Gerald A. Streeter, Rev. Ignatius M. Burrill, and Rev. Donald J O'Shaug would die before facing little to no forms of consequence despite believable evidence, making Midwest's claims appear to be evasive to the suffering that was caused.

Former Loyola Academy President, Rev. M Lawrence Reuter, who was permanently "defrocked," or stripped of any kind of clergy association, had several valid accusations against him, yet still served the longest serving presidency from 1975 to 1990, an example of the victim-shaming culture that often exists around cases of assault that involves religious institutions.

The seemingly "hush-hush" nature of clerical abuse sparked the Boston Globe to uncover a similar report in 2002 following the story of father John G. Geoghan, a Boston Priest, who fondled or raped more than 130 children.

Despite stories of abuse that spanned three-decades, the cardinal and bishops overseeing Geoghan did



Previous Loyola priests were among 500 Midwestern clergy accused of sexual abuse last December Wikipedia

little to stop it.

What the Globe team investigated would later become the inspiration for the movie "Spotlight," but more importantly would allow for secrets hidden for generations to finally come forward.

"The safety, security and wellbeing of our students are our highest priorities. Loyola Academy teachers, counselors, coaches, campus ministers and staff members are committed to creating a supportive and loving community where our students feel safe and thrive," stated Loyola Academy Communications.

"We thoroughly screen our applicants and conduct annual

criminal background checks for all school personnel, as well as annually process our employees through the state child abuse and neglect tracking system."

Loyola now requires all employees to go through an orientation upon being hired and continues throughout the individuals' career to enforce clear boundaries between adults and minors.

The school stressed as well that staff is required by law to be "mandated reporters" and step in if they witness anything suspicious.

On Feb. 21, Pope Francis met with 190 bishops from around the world to discuss the events that

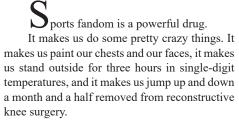
unfolded last December. He ended simply by saying, "listen to the cry of children who ask for justice."

Loyola Academy encourages victims of abuse, no matter how recent the incident, to both contact law enforcement as well as Midwest Province's director of the Office of Safe Environment, Marjorie O'Dea.

Father Brian Paulson, provincial of the USA Midwest Province, said within the next year there would be an another review of the organizations' records by consultants from Hillard Heintze.

When sports fans go too far

by Jack Soble



Just an educated guess on that last one. And the Bears had just clinched the division for the first time since 2010, so this hypothetical person's logic was flawless.

And all that is fun! Fandom, when done correctly, can be an awesome thing.

Sadly, this article isn't about that.

Instead, it's about sports fandom and compelling people to say, do, and tweet things like this.

"Erica Kinsman I hope you get in a car accident."

back to Tally."



"I'm done. I give no f**** about the five years both Patrick Kane and Derrick Rose accuser now. Erica Kinsman never ever come were accused of rape and my immediate concern - before taking a minute to think clearly - was "I'm gonna say this as thoughtful as I more for my team than for the women who were possibly can... F*** you Erica Kinsman you allegedly assaulted. I remain ashamed of that to lying, money hungry, soul sucking W****!" this day, but it's sadly not all that uncommon

Roe v. Wade under siege post-Kennedy

get abortions.

This law is in partial contradiction with Roe v. Wade, so while it would be difficult to take effect, it allows the Supreme court to reexamine Roe v. Wade and potentially overturn it.

This can be a difficult thought for some. Senior Keara McLaughlin said, "As someone who is pro-choice, the fact that republican men want to legislate my body, is very distressing and wrong."

In terms of likelihood, senior Will Thornton said, "I think that Roe v. Wade is so crucial precedent wise that I don't think it will be overturned, even with the most conservative of justices.'

While abortion is generally discussed on a moral basis, it is a topic with many nuances that contribute to the debate, one of which is the question of potential-parents being ready to have children.

Junior Maddie Jednorowicz said, "I don't think [Roe v. Wade] should be overturned because the law allows for people of all different privileges, especially those who don't have the capability to care for a child, a choice to decide what is best for their future."

Another aspect of abortion is the question of safety of women and how overturning the precedent may affect that. Women may turn to unsafe methods to carry out an abortion if they are unable to safely and legally get one.

McLaughlin added, "If it were to be turned there would be a lot of dangers to the

These are all insults hurled at Erica Kinsman, a Florida State student who accused Jameis Winston, the Seminoles' national championship and Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback at the time, of rape. All were found with a simple twitter search.

They don't even come close to the worst of it, either. According to the film "The Hunting Ground," she received threats to burn down her sorority house.

Each of the accounts who tweeted those horrible things had something in common. They had either a Florida geotag or #Noles in their bio or they included a Florida State Football profile picture. Their hero was accused of a heinous crime, and they - like so many others - saw the case through garnet and gold-colored glasses.

This in no way, shape, or form excuses those Florida State fans' actions, or the behavior of anyone else who says or does awful things in the defense of their favorite players. Those actions do, however, provide a concrete example of what many sports fans' first impulse may be if a member of their team makes headlines for horrible reasons.

I'm not immune to it either; in the past

Instincts like that are why it's important to have second thoughts and think critically, because while a miniscule proportion of sports fans are terrible enough to send death threats and tweet awful things, a much larger percentage will voice their opinion on the subject in more seemingly benign ways.

If that happens, it can be much more difficult to hold athletes who are proven to commit sexual assault accountable. The court of public opinion is a very real and very powerful mechanism, and when it shifts far enough towards the survivor and away from the perpetrator, teams may be compelled to take action.

For example, in 2014 when Ravens running back Ray Rice punched his wife in an elevator, his team did nothing and he was given a measly two-game suspension. Months later, video evidence came out and the public's outrage turned towards Rice, who was released later that dav.

This is why sports fans actually do have a great deal of power. If they disregard their first instincts that tell them to defend their hero, they have the ability to force their favorite teams to do the right thing.

by Emma Mansour

r the past 46 years, Roe v. Wade has guaranteed women the right to an abortion, but the current makeup of the Supreme Court may put this precedent at risk.

In October 2018, justice Brett Kavanaugh was appointed to the supreme court after justice Kennedy retired. Kennedy had been historically conservative as a justice, though voted more liberally when it came to abortion, joining the Majority rule in Roe v. Wade.

Until his retirement, the Supreme Court was reliably in favor of abortion rights, keeping a 5-4 majority in most cases. With this change in the court comes the possibility for Roe v Wade to be overturned.

While the precedent can't just be overturned at the desire of the justices, cases concerning rights outlined in Roe v. Wade allow for justices to reexamine the ruling.

One recent case was that of an Ohio bill that bans abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, making it more difficult for women to health of women everywhere."

Though less prominent within the conversation surrounding abortion, senior Will Embree brought up the question of how a change in precedent may affect the world at large.

"On a moral and personal level, I am pro-life, but on a national scale I believe that abortion should be legal because it is beneficial to the world's overpopulation crisis and will augment the fight against scarcity of resources," said Embree.

Another complexity is when a survivor of sexual assault becomes pregnant. The current law pertaining to such situations exempts survivors of 'forcible rape' from other abortion laws

With minimal laws protecting and considering pregnant survivors of sexual assault, the overturning of Roe v. Wade would likely complicate this matter further.

No matter how complicated or controversial this topic may be among the American public, it is now up to the Supreme Court to either uphold or overturn their precedent if given the chance. How they will decide is unclear, and it will only be determined with time.