

American groups critical of Vatican's choices for Irish sex scandal overseers

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A [U.S.](#)-based web site that publishes child-sex abuse cases worldwide believes that Cardinal Sean O'Malley is not a suitable candidate to deal with the backlash of clerical sex abuse in [Ireland](#).

BishopAccountability.org claims the cardinal has past precedence of “silencing” controversy over child abuse in every diocese he joins.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has been appointed the “apostolic visitor” by the [Vatican](#) for the

Dublin diocese.

It will be his role to help with the aftermath of the horrific cleric child abuse history, which unfolded last year with the publication of the “Ryan Report.”

O’Malley is often described as a veteran troubleshooter in clerical sex abuse scandals.

“O’Malley’s career ascent has been fueled by his ability to walk into dioceses wracked by horrible revelations of child molestation and enshroud them again in silence,” claims the website.

The website was critical of the entire “apostolic visitation group,” made up for [Archbishop Timothy Dolan](#) of [New York](#); Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa; Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor, retired Archbishop of Westminster; and Archbishop Thomas Collins of [Toronto](#).

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) also came forward and objected to Archbishop Timothy Dolan and Terrence Prendergast. They said that the two U.S. archbishops had "troubling" track records.

"Just a few years ago [Boston](#)’s O’Malley was found in violation of the US bishops’ sex abuse policy, for refusing to make sure all parishes were offering abuse training, said SNAP Outreach Director Barbara Dorris.

"No institution can police itself, especially not an ancient, rigid, secretive, all-male monarchy with a horrific history of protecting predators and endangering kids.”

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