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ALL THINGS IN CHRIST"**

(Ephesians 1:10)

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Bishop's Article . . .

Indicates Homosexual Dimension Of Clergy Sex Abuse

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SAN DIEGO — In an article he wrote in *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, San Diego Auxiliary Bishop Salvatore Cordileone illustrated the homosexual dimension of the Catholic Church's clergy sex-abuse scandal.

Simply presenting the facts without characterizing them, Cordileone called upon findings in the study conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which had been commissioned by the U.S. Catholic bishops to look into the nature and scope of all alleged incidents of Church clerical sex abuse between 1950 and 2002.

Under the headline "Learning from scandal; Analyzing facts on clergy sex abuse," Cordileone's ar-

ticle was published at the left top of the front page of the *Union-Tribune's* Sunday opinion and comment section of September 23.

"While the patterns of Catholic clergy sexual abuse of minors more or less followed those of the general male population," Cordileone wrote, "one significant statistic stands out: 81% were perpetrated against males. Also worth noting is that 78.2% of the victims were between the ages of 11 and 17 when the abuse began. . . ."

"These are scientifically verified data from a study by a highly reputable college of criminal justice," he continued, adding that the data "also indicate — to put it colloqui-

ally — that something must have gone wrong sometime in the 1960s, but began to be corrected by the 1980s, and, moreover, that the problem was something other than pedophilia (i.e., the sexual abuse of prepubescent children)."

He wrote, "In basically all of the categories studied from the historical perspective . . . the trend is the same: an increase in the 1960s with an upward spike around 1970, followed by a precipitous decline in the early 1980s. Indeed, 75% of the events were alleged to have occurred between 1960 and 1984. Along the same lines, the majority of priests accused were ordained between the 1950s and 1970s."