

**Church's behavior is disappointing**

I was very disappointed to read about the continuing problems with the sexual abuse issue at the Rockford Diocese in the Daily Herald (Jan. 23).

By using its moral authority to personally attack an individual and by remaining in contempt of court, the church continues to look more like a corrupt corporation than a religious institution.

Like many, I had hoped the church leadership had turned a corner with the recent release of its limited in-house study of sexual abuse of children by priests. Although far from the independent investigation needed to clear the air, this study seemed like a step in the right direction.

When the church leaders still refuse to turn over their documents on criminal sexual abuse despite a court order, it shows we are still headed down the same-old path that led us to this destructive situation.

The leaders are showing not just their contempt of the court, but their contempt of the children and families whose lives have been destroyed.

I ask the leadership of the Rockford Diocese to truly turn over a new leaf.

Now is a time for healing, not the continued suppression of truth.

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