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Duplicitous 'birds' do flock together

It is offensive when someone does something selfishly but pretends his motive is, in fact, selfless. It is even more offensive when that person is a defense lawyer.

That is exactly what happened with a recent sexual abuse case against Father Mark **Campobello** ("Judge prohibits release of tapes of former priest," Dec. 21).

The controversy focused on taped conversations between the convicted priest and one of his female victims. Not surprisingly, the lawyer for Rockford's Catholic bishop argued, as church lawyers almost always do, for secrecy.

The lawyer, Ellen Lynch, told the judge that releasing the conversation would hurt her client, Bishop Thomas Doran.

But she sang a radically different tune months later to a Daily Herald reporter. This time, Lynch professed to favor secrecy out of concern for the victim's privacy.

Birds of a feather, they say, flock together. So I suppose we shouldn't be too surprised that duplicitous church officials hire duplicitous lawyers.

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