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Your comments about the ruling in the Campobello case were right on point. I agree wholeheartedly that while this may have been a legally justifiable position, it certainly doesn't send the right message about the Catholic Church being "open and transparent" with regard to the sexual abuse scandal that is plaguing so many dioceses.

It's hard to be "open and transparent" when all your efforts seem directed at keeping the public in the dark. What amazes me even more is the willingness for so many churchgoers to just accept their leaders' actions without question. The secrecy of the leaders and complacency of the followers in the past are the two biggest reasons the church has such a problem today. If those conditions don't change -- and it appears they haven't -- then no one should be surprised by more problems in the future.

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