

## Pope and Local Dioceses Are Taking Steps to Protect Children

*According to a recent article, the Pope will not show leniency towards pedophile priests and has set up a commission of experts, who among other duties, will consider ways to better screen priests. Local Dioceses are also taking steps to further protect their children and prevent pedophiles from being hired into the church.*

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Mosigner Charles Scicluna, the former sex crimes prosecutor, stated in a recent article found on the [Ecumenial News](#) website, that Pope Francis will not show leniency towards pedophile and pederast priests because truth and justice are more important than protecting the Church. The Pope, who was

elected last March, set up a commission of experts last month to address sexual abuse within the Catholic Church, in his first major step to tackle this issue. The group will consider ways to better screen priests, protect minors and help victims in the face of charges the Vatican has not done enough to guard the vulnerable or make amends.

Local Dioceses are doing their part to prevent pedophiles and pederasts from being hired into the church. Two local Dioceses both recently made the decision to start utilizing Selection.com, a leading provider of criminal background checks, and pre-employment drug screenings, for their background check and fingerprint services. Selection.com has integrated with the VIRTUS system, and even developed a new service called Quarterly Watch, which will automatically re-screen church employees and volunteers through Selection.com's national criminal database every three months. This innovative approach that includes re-screening employees and volunteers is another layer of protection against predators trying to cheat the system.

[Selection.com](#) has been helping their clients avoid risky hires for over 20 years. Their President, James Boeddeker points out that state searches like fingerprints do not offer reciprocity with other states, making it easy for someone to cross state lines and hide their history. According to Boeddeker, "Our national criminal database searches over 1,400 criminal repositories, making it harder for someone to cross state lines. We are now the background check provider for two dioceses where we've already proactively uncovered criminal records that had been previously missed, thereby avoiding lawsuits for our clients."

Selection.com was started in 1991 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Selection.com provides a full range of employee screening background check reports including criminal background checks, employment verifications, education verifications, drug screenings and professional license verifications.

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