

## Pastor's Column

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### The Catholic Church's Catastrophe

*by Peggy Noonan*

*This is the third in a series of perspectives that I am providing on the clergy sexual abuse crisis that continues to grip the Church. The first by Deacon Greg Kandra, "What Does It Mean To Be Catholic Today?" appeared in the April 11, 2010, STM Bulletin, and the second by Elizabeth Scalia, "Why I Remain A Catholic," appeared in the April 18, 2010, STM Bulletin. I would encourage you to read these if you haven't yet.*

*This week's perspective is, "The Catholic Church's Catastrophe," written by Peggy Noonan, a columnist for The Wall Street Journal and best-selling author of seven books on American politics, history, and culture.*

*Her most recent book, John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father, was published in 2005.*

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