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2002	LCWR refuses to participate in USCCB's "Policy for the Protection of Children"
2002-04-05	LCWR Press Release: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS RELEASES PUBLIC STATEMENT CONCERNING "CRISIS OF ALLEGATIONS OF CLERICAL ABUSE" <u>This calls for openness, radical honesty, and transparency. We believe that, in this crisis, there is an opportunity for us to be self-critical rather than defensive, thereby creating together a more whole and healthy church.</u> We reach out compassionately to all who have been affected: the victims and their families, our brother priests and bishops, the unjustly accused and the perpetrators.
2002-08-24	Statement by LCWR National Board on Sexual Abuse ..." We pledge to respect appropriate confidentiality <u>while also dealing with these matters openly and honestly, and we call our members to do likewise.</u>  ..." <u>We are convinced that the current crisis calls for systemic change</u> , particularly in the exercise of ecclesial power. We call for the inclusion of laity, Catholic clergy, brothers and sisters in the formation of policies and in decision-making which will allow for collaborative renewal of our church.  ...Our Christian commitment <u>calls us to justice...</u>
2004-06-12	Nun survivors meet for the first time in Denver at SNAP Conference
2004-07-13	Hand-delivered letter to LCWR from nun survivors regarding Plan of Hope, Respect, and Open Healing. Also requested nun survivors be allowed to speak at LCWR-CMSM Joint Assembly in Ft. Worth.
2004-07-13	Hand-delivered Letter to USCCB from 4 nun survivors asking USCCB to include religious orders of men and women in the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To date, we received no answer from USCCB.
2004-08-05	Letter to LCWR from SNAP expressing dismay over their decision not to let us speak
2004-08-09	E-mail to National Review Board to intervene on our behalf
2004-08-13	LCWR Press Release: Response of LCWR President Sister Constance Phelps, SCL to SNAP Request saying we can't speak in Ft. Worth
2004-08-13	Letter from LCWR to Theisen agreeing on 10-03-04 meeting in Chicago
2004-08-19 to 2004-08-22	2004 Joint LCWR – CMSM Assembly in Ft. Worth, TX. Nun survivors go there but are refused.
2004-10-03	Meeting with LCWR Leadership in Chicago; nun survivors ask for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including link to SNAP webpage on LCWR webpage</li> <li>• Asking LCWR to request their members to also put a SNAP link on the home web pages</li> <li>• To provide us with a list of LCWR member orders.</li> <li>• That SNAP survivors be allowed to speak at 2005 national LCWR conferences</li> <li>• That SNAP survivors be allowed to speak at Regional LCWR conferences</li> </ul>
2004-11-22	LCWR letter to SNAP refusing 5 small requests; LCWR refuses to work with SNAP members who are survivors of sexual abuse committed by women religious (nuns and sisters)
2004-11-22	Statement of the Officers of LCWR Regarding SNAP October 3 Requests
Aug, 2005	Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in Anaheim, CA; we are present – we delivered letter
Aug, 2006	Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in Atlanta, GA; we are present – we delivered letter
Aug, 2007	LCWR contacts us to meet to talk but LCWR does not provide an agenda after numerous requests; Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in Kansas City
Aug, 2008	Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in Denver; we are present - hold 24 hr vigil
Sep/Oct, 2008	Meet with Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious in St. Louis; requests are denied
Aug, 2009	Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in New Orleans; we deliver letter
Aug, 2010	Not allowed to speak at LCWR National Conference in Dallas; we are present
Aug, 2011	LCWR National Conference in Garden Grove, California
Aug, 2012	LCWR National Conference in St Louis
No date: probably 2004-11-22	LCWR Responses to Allegations of Member Sexual Misconduct



Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests

*Our most powerful tool is the light of truth. Through our actions, we bring healing, prevention and justice.*



## **Nuns ignore child sex crimes too**

It's easy to sympathize with Catholic nuns. They're clearly under attack by ultra-conservative bishops who are desperate to assert their dwindling power and influence.

But the nuns have also ignored and concealed horrific child sex crimes. And they've rebuffed – year after year after year - victims who have sought healing, transparency and prevention.

### **WHO WE ARE**

We are victims of clergy sex crimes and cover ups. We belong to a support group called SNAP, the Survivors Network of those abused by Priests (SNAPnetwork.org)

### **WHY WE'RE HERE**

We want nuns – and those who support nuns – to remember, and reach out to, those who've been sexually violated by nuns (and other clerics, including priests, bishops, brothers, seminarians and other church employees). We want those who have been hurt by nuns to know they are not alone; to have a chance at healing; and prevent sexual abuse by female predators.

### **WHAT WE WANT**

As we said, it's easy to sympathize with nuns. It's harder to sympathize with – and advocate for – the hundreds or thousands who have been sexually violated by nuns. Specifically, we want the LCWR to

- For the sake of healing, let victims of predatory nuns speak at their gatherings,
- For the sake of prevention, list all proven, admitted and credibly accused child molesting nuns on their website

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- Ask every Catholic you know (current and former) if they were hurt by clerics (nuns, priests, etc.)
- Ask every single nun you know to lobby the LCWR officials about the two issues above (letting victims speak and listing known predators)

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