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## **THESIS STATEMENT**

### **DOES SEXUAL MORALITY AND VIOLENCE EXIST IN THE HOLY PLACE CALLED THE CHURCH**

What is the church? The word “church” comes from the Greek word, “ekklesia,” which means church. According to the Bible, the church should be the body of Christ for all who believe. It should be a place of refuge for one’s soul, a place of comfort. A place of teaching and getting your life in order with God. Having faith in our Lord and Savior unto salvation (John 3:16, I Corinthians 12:13). So when did the church turn to be corrupt,

allowing sexual morality and violence to penetrate and disrespect the holy place of worship unto a holy God, in and outside the church?

The purpose of this research paper is to provide insight (of information) pertaining to if sexual morality and violence exist in the holy place called, "The Church," and the end, bringing awareness to our church leaders, government law makers, and our communities on this growing problem, to come up with a strategy to protect the innocent in and outside the place called, "The Church."

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## **MAIN BODY**

Sexual morality and violence to children, women, boys and girls have taken place in the church for centuries. This is not a US Catholic church problem, this prevented issue in the church is happening globally around the world. Innocent victims are now starting to tell their stories to save others from a

life changing problem. Priest, bishops, pastors, and other church leaders have been guilty of sexual misconduct for decades. The men would tell their victims not to tell anybody causing this type of behavior to be sweep under the rug, in the name of the Lord.

After thirty-four years of children being molested and raped from Goeghan being assigned from church to church (parish), the nightmare ended. In 1998, Geoghan was, “defrocked” and was finally dismissed permanently from the priesthood. Five other Bishops who allowed it to go on so long had to be sentence also.

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