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## ANOTHER EMPTY APOLOGY FOR PEDOPHILIC PRIESTS

By Elena Perelló Sender

It seems like the only thing Pope Francis does is apologize for the church and Vatican screw ups. And that's been working – until now. This time he used his visit to Peru and Chile to offer a few words to the victims of sexual harassment committed by priests and people backed by the Catholic institution.

"I can't stop expressing the pain and shame for the irretrievable grief inflicted to children by ministers of the church. It is fair to apologize."

Well it's not only fair to apologize but to act. What do you think the victims are going to do with your words, Francis? These words mean nothing if there is no punishment for the pedophiles, and the lack of action around these situations is something that has happened too many times.

In Karadima's case, an influential Chilean priest with accusations

dating back since the 1980s, the Vatican declared him guilty of sexual abuse to minors and ordered retirement to a life of prayer. The same thing happened with Marcial Maciel, the founder of the Legionaries of Christ who abused minors for decades. And in Luis Fernando Figari's case, the Vatican exiled him from Peru so he could not return "except for very serious reasons".

Am I the only one who thinks this is fucked up? How the hell is a "retirement to a life of prayer" a fair punishment for an old man who has been raping little kids since the 1980s? Maybe if the retirement was in jail, but it isn't.



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I'm sorry Francis but your words are not enough anymore. We've had plenty of empty apologies and cheap headlines for the news. Stop protecting pedophiles under the wings of your billionaire religious institution. We need real justice, not 'divine' justice and we've been needing it for a while.

And here I was thinking this pope was different...

# SAUDI ARABIAN WOMEN ALLOWED TO GO WATCH FOOTBALL. FUCK ALL ELSE THOUGH.

By Katie Bowdery

Saudi women can now go and watch football. Fucking finally. Unfortunately, it is difficult to stop and celebrate the small wins when there are so many more issues that need to be addressed. In what is described as one of 'the most gender unequal countries in the Middle East', being able to go sit in segregated stands at a football match is not fucking enough.

These women's bodies will never be their own. They will belong to their father, then their husband, and then their sons. Women aren't allowed to vote; to eat in a restaurant without a 'family section'; work if it means they will interact with men. Women are not even allowed to leave the country without their male guardian's permission. In court, two women must testify for it to equal the testimony of one man. For Fuck's Sake.

These are human beings. It is not a woman's fault that she was born a woman or born in the country she was. Rights should be EQUAL. But it seems many have been trapped by the laws of their society.

Yes, we should count every small victory, but don't get fucking distracted. The regime and society itself need to have an altered view of women if there is to be any real change for the girls who are being born right now.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO CATALUNYA AFTER THE REFERENDUM?

By Ariadne Gimenez

Most were celebrating after October 1<sup>st</sup>, as the independence movement had appeared to win 90% of the vote. Shortly after that day, Carles Puigdemont, ex-president of the Catalan government, partly declared independence awaiting international mediation. Meanwhile, the Spanish

government announced the invocation of the Spanish Constitution's Article 155 from 1978 (that should sound scary), meaning the Spanish government would take direct control of Catalunya after senate approval. Events came to a head on October 27<sup>th</sup>. First, Carles Puigdemont gave a confusing speech but in the end did declare the independence of Catalunya in the Catalan Parliament. For a grand total of about five minutes since shortly after that, Mariano Rajoy, president of the Spanish government, announced the application of Article 155. After invoking Article 155, the main

### TRUMP OR NOT?

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese."

### DID HE SAY THIS?

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LAST ISSUE: YES, HE DID SAY THAT

### DEFINITION OF THE WEEK

### CONSERVATIVE

A party that favors free enterprise, private ownership, and socially conservative ideas.

public prosecutor of the Spanish government, Jose Manuel Maza, opened an investigation into the entire Catalan Republic government for rebellion, insurrection, and misappropriation of funds. He imprisoned the vice-president, Oriol Junquera and several other ministers of the government.

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