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Please vote for this very important legislation to criminalize what the Roman Catholic church did to dehumanize me when I was a child.

My name is Maryellen Gatesy Harris. I was a student in St. Francis School in Torrington Ct.

In 1953 I was 8 years old and in the third grade at St. Francis School when I was brutally sexually molested several times in the girls' bathroom at that school by the school janitor Pete Crowley. The principal of the School Fr. John O' Conner walked in as I was being attacked.

Fr' O'Connor told me to go back to class. The sexual attacks continued even after my abuser was confronted.

I'm now 73 years old and to this day I will never forget the face of the man who held his arm against my throat to subdue me so he could tear down my under ware & pull out his penis to try to penetrate me. This has followed me all my life

The idea that the Catholic church & the state of Connecticut can stand before me & say " too much time has gone by & that my sexual encounter as an 8 year old child is not worth judicating" is like saying that justice is irrelevant.

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