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A new three-part reflection starts today on NCRonline.org: Jason Berry was the first to report on clergy sex abuse in any substantial way, beginning in 1985 on the Louisiana case of a priest named Gilbert Gauthier. He went on to publish a number of books on the matter since then, and is considered an expert in this church scandal.

Read: [Francis inherits decades of abuse cover-up](#)

Anne Barrett Doyle, co-director of the abuse tracking website BishopAccountability.org, called the Vatican officials' declination to speak about Punderson's case "a cop-out, and a formula for failure."

Read: [Ahead of abuse summit, Vatican officials decline to comment on accused priest](#)

It's not just one institution. The existence of clergy sexual abuse in the Southern Baptist Convention provides no satisfaction to us Catholics, says Jesuit Fr. Tom

Reese, but it does allow us to test our theories about the causes of abuse.

Read: [What Catholics and Southern Baptists can learn from each other about sex abuse crisis](#)

Directors Cristina Gallego and Ciro Guerra have reunited to tell the story of the drug trade from a Colombian perspective, instead of the typical Hollywood "war on drugs" version. Sr. Rose Pacatte, NCR's movie reviewer, says this is a beautiful film to see.

Read: ['Birds of Passage' shows origin of the drug trade from Colombian POV](#)

Take a pause for a sweet, uplifting memory from Global Sisters Report's Ursuline Sr. Michele Morek.

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