



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CRISIS

A PANEL DISCUSSION

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Ida Noyes Library, 1212 E. 59th St.

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Since questions of sexual abuse emerged in the Church, and in other institutions, in the 1980s, some dioceses (including Chicago) have demonstrated leadership in dealing with the issue. After the “Spotlight” investigation by the *Boston Globe*, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops established a “zero tolerance” policy toward the commission and cover-up of abuse. This panel of Catholic scholars and professionals will review the Church’s attempt to face this issue and will consider why it has reemerged in 2018, relating that question to broader issues of clericalism and governance in the Catholic Church.

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FR. MICHAEL SWEENEY, OP, founded and directs the Lay Mission Project of the Western Dominican Province. Previously he served as President of the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT) in Berkeley, California. Fr. Sweeney gives lectures and workshops around the country on lay formation and the mission of the Church.

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