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Church charged with sex coverup

► Cardinals Rigali, Bevilacqua named along with archdiocese in civil suit on heels of last week's priest sex charges ► Plaintiff says he was abused in '90s and received no help from victim assistance program ► Groups claim priests were protected {page 02}



► In support of the plaintiff, Barbara Blaine, president of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, displays photos of other abuse victims from around the country at City Hall yesterday as she stands beside attorneys Daniel Monahan, center right, and Marci Hamilton, center left.

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Chaos in the wake of Egypt

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Suit alleges church conceals sex abuse

- ▶ Victim claims Philly Archdiocese doesn't do anything about assaults
- ▶ Plaintiff seeks more than \$400K

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, former Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua and current Cardinal Justin Rigali were named in a civil lawsuit alleging a conspiracy to endanger children by, among other things, creating a victims-assistance program designed to protect sexually abusive priests.

The suit, filed yesterday in Common Pleas Court, was brought by a 28-year-old former Catholic school student allegedly sexually abused in the 1990s by St. Aloysius Academy deacon Martin Satchell and Richard Cochrane, a Malvern Prep priest from whom he later sought counseling about the previous assault. It claims the archdiocese "continues to tolerate and actively conceal" sexual abuse of children.

"This is something that has to go to the top," said Marci Hamilton, an attorney who, while consulting then-District Attorney Lynne Abraham during the 2005 scandal, compiled recommendations for the church. "The archdiocese has never been in the victims' assistance business. They're in the 'protecting rapist-priests' business."

Allegations

The allegations range from childhood sexual abuse to negligent supervision and civil conspiracy to endanger children. The plaintiff, who stepped forward last year, is seeking a minimum of \$400,000 total.

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Reeling from last week's arrests of three priests, a teacher and a Monsignor responsible for overseeing all priests, an archdiocese spokesman declined to comment on the suit. Hamilton said the lawsuit is a "direct result" of the two grand-jury reports.

John Salvesson, of the Foundation To Abolish Child Sex Abuse, said Monsignor William Lynn's arrest was monumental because it charged a church member "for enabling."

"It's the most important development I've seen in 30 years," he said.

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▶ Barbara Blaine, president of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, speaks outside City Hall yesterday.

Rigali singled out

Rigali was named in the suit because the victim, identified as John Doe 10, sought help under

the assistance program Rigali started after the 2005 grand jury report. The Order of St. Augustine in Villanova was also named since they operate Malvern Prep.

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Two women murdered

OXFORD CIRCLE. Police are investigating the fatal shootings of two women yesterday afternoon on the 5400 block of Rutland Street.

Officers responded around 3:40 p.m. and found both victims suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Both were pronounced dead on the scene. Police did not reveal their identities, but said they were 19 and 21 years old. No arrests have been made. ● METRO

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LOVE. Valentine's



Couples wed on Valentine's

Tyler Charlesworth and Melissa Young were among more than 30 couples that wed yesterday in City Hall and celebrated in LOVE Park on Valentine's Day.

Quoted



Mayor Nutter has "done right by the city. He has done right by its budget. I am proud to stand here with him today."

STATE SEN. ANTHONY WILLIAMS YESTERDAY, ENDORSING NUTTER FOR THE MAY PRIMARY, A WEEK AFTER ANNOUNCING HE WOULD NOT RUN.



"He attacked me, I had to shoot him — 4th and Market."

TEMPLE LAW STUDENT GERALD UNG ON A 911 CALL LAST YEAR AFTER SHOOTING EDDIE DIDONATO SIX TIMES IN OLD CITY. UNG IS ON TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER AND RELATED CHARGES.

Michael Vick, meet Oprah

PHILADELPHIA. Eagles QB Michael Vick will visit with daytime talk icon Oprah Winfrey to discuss



his dogfighting past, time behind bars and work with the Humane Society for a show to air Feb. 24,

according to Harpo Productions. Vick, who served 18 months in prison, was named The Associated Press' 2010 Comeback Player of the Year. ● METRO

City plan for all to view

PHILADELPHIA. The city Planning Commission today will release a draft of "Philadelphia 2035." The

commission is seeking public comment on the plan between Feb. 15 and March 31. Visit www.philaplanning.org and e-mail comments to phila2035@phila.gov.

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