



I oppose **SB 360** and
urge **CA Assembly Members** to

#KeepTheSeal

Dear Assembly Member,

For Catholics, Confession is sacred, and the ability to confess our sins confidentially is essential to our religious belief and practice.

SB 360 would deny the right to confidential confessions to priests and to tens of thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries.

We agree with the intention behind SB 360: that all youth should be protected from abuse. But clergy and ministers are already “mandated reporters” — which means that when they hear information about suspected child abuse, they are required to report this to law enforcement. And there is no evidence that denying tens of thousands of California Catholics the right to seek God’s forgiveness in Confession will protect children.

Please vote NO on SB 360 unless it is amended to ensure that all Californians are able to confess their sins to their priests to receive the grace of the Sacrament.

Any law that does not keep this unique form of religious communications private and available to every person, is wrong and violates Californians’ rights to practice their religion freely.

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: CA Zip: _____

If anyone has witnessed, or has reason to believe, or might suspect, there is or has been abuse involving clergy, employees or volunteers at any of our Catholic schools, parish religious education programs or other church-related events, those suspicions or allegations are to be reported first to civil authorities (law enforcement, child protective services, or adult protective services) and then to the Diocese via the toll-free line at 866-777-9133. You may also reach the Pastoral Care Coordinator at 916-733-0142. Reports can be made in English and Spanish.

For more information on the Diocese of Sacramento’s efforts to prevent abuse, visit www.scd.org/safe-environment