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Child protection must come before the reputation of institutions like Ampleforth and Downside

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The Church of England provided the perfect cover for Peter Ball's offending

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Opening statement by lawyer Richard Scorer of Slater and Gordon, also an NSS vice president, at the IICSA inquiry's hearings into the case of Peter Ball, the former bishop of Gloucester.

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The seal of the confessional and child abuse: a religious privilege too far

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Some clerics want exemptions from reporting requirements on abuse when it's revealed in the confessional. Accommodating their demands would undermine efforts to tackle child abuse, says Richard Scorer.

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Bishops must be accountable – and not just to themselves

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[Only reform of the law can tackle the Church's temptation to cover up abuse](#)

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The Church concealed evidence of criminality and colluded to protect an abusive bishop. Only external oversight will guarantee that church safeguarding practices comply with secular standards, argues Richard Scorer.

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The Catholic Church's abuse scandal shows no sign of abating

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Religious privilege undermines abuse victims' access to justice

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Church documents expose an even bigger cover-up than suspected in the Peter Ball case

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The recent release of more internal Church of England documents relating to the Peter Ball case exposes an even bigger cover-up than previously suspected, writes specialist abuse lawyer Richard Scorer.

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