

## **Cardinal George's Deposition Released to the Public**

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As part of the Archdiocese of Chicago's \$12.7 million settlement with 16 victims of sexual abuse Cardinal Francis George agreed to make public his deposition. George is only the third Cardinal to do so.

Marc Pearlman, one of the victims attorneys, was happy to see the release of the documents saying, "Openness and transparency is what will bring about change and stop these horrible crimes against children."

11 priests were named in the settlement: Robert C. Becker, deceased in 1989; Joseph R. Bennett, removed from ministry in 2006; Robert Craig, resigned in 1993; James C. Hagan, resigned in 1997; Thomas F. Kelly, deceased in 1990; Norbert Maday, removed from ministry in 1993 and in prison; Robert E. Mayer, resigned in 1994; Daniel J. McCormack, removed from ministry in 2006 and in prison; Joseph Owens, resigned in 1970; Kenneth C. Ruge, deceased in 2002; and James Steel, resigned in 1992.