



A pro-life activist is pictured in a file photo kneeling in prayer outside a London abortion clinic. British bishops have expressed sadness over an increase in abortion numbers.

MANCHESTER, United Kingdom — Catholic bishops said they were disappointed by figures showing abortions in England and Wales were at their highest recorded level. The statistics released Sept. 10 by the Department of Health revealed that 109,836 abortions were performed in the first six months of 2020.

The figures represent an increase of nearly 4,300 over the same period of 2019, a year that saw 200,608 abortions, the highest number recorded in England and Wales.

## **US bishops hail Biden as ‘Catholic’ president, ignore his pro-abortion record**

WASHINGTON D.C, November 9, 2020 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have joined the liberal elite and mainstream media in hailing Joe Biden as the President elect, calling him the second “Catholic” President.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganó, the former nuncio to the United States, also issued a letter over the weekend, in which he slated the USCCB, saying that “we are frankly left quite disturbed by the declarations of the United States’ Conference of Catholic Bishops.”

The Archbishop continued by pointing out the discrepancy of calling Biden a Catholic, noting that the USCCB had acted “with disturbing cross-eyedness” and thus “credits itself with having supported ‘the second Catholic President in the history of the United States,’ apparently forgetting the not-negligible detail that Biden is avidly pro-abortion, a supporter of LGBT ideology and of anti-Catholic globalism.”

Archbishop Viganó further drew the comparison between the USCCB and Planned Parenthood, who are “are both expressing their satisfaction for the presumed electoral victory of the same person.”

As a result of the USCCB’s statement, Archbishop Viganó notes that they have confirmed their complicity in abandoning Church teaching: “With these words of the USCCB the *pactum sceleris* [plot to commit a crime] between the *deep state* and the *deep church* is confirmed and sealed, the enslavement of the highest levels of the Catholic hierarchy to the New World Order, denying the teaching of Christ and the doctrine of the Church.”

## **Michigan’s clergy abuse probe identifies 454 accused priests, 811 victims**

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LANSING, MI – A two-year investigation into sexual abuse in Michigan’s Catholic churches has, so far, identified 454 accused priests and 811 victims, and led to charges against 11 clergymen.

In addition, the state’s clergy abuse tip line has generated 750 tips that uncovered an additional 435 victims and 316 accused priests leading to 112 police investigations, 180 victim interviews and 285 police reports.

## **In China, priests, nuns and seminarians seized by government officials**

Baoding (AsiaNews) - Catholic sources in Hebei say that on the morning of November 2, two priests from the unofficial community of Baoding and more than a dozen seminarians and nuns from the same community were forcibly taken away by government officials. After a few hours, two seminarians were released.

On the same day, Fr. Lu Genjun, former vicar general of Baoding, was taken away. Until now, no one knows where they are being held.

A priest from the underground community of Baoding, commenting on the incident, pointed out that the abduction took place shortly after the renewal of the provisional agreement between China and the Vatican. He asked all Catholics to pray for the kidnapped and for full religious freedom in China.

The diocese of Baoding, with over 500,000 faithful, is one of the cornerstones of the unofficial community. Its bishop, Msgr. Giacomo Su Zhimin, has been missing in police custody since 1997 and nothing is known about his fate since then.