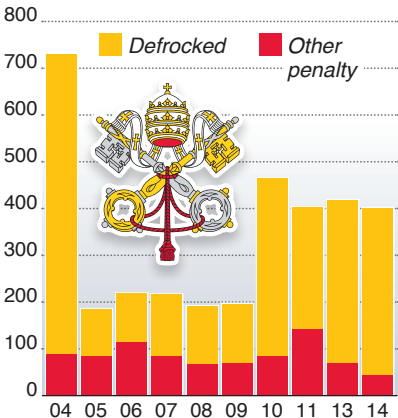


Abusive priests punished

The Vatican has disclosed that since 2004 it has defrocked hundreds of priests and disciplined thousands more for sexually abusing children

NUMBER OF PRIESTS DISCIPLINED



■ **848** priests defrocked for sexual abuse over past 10 years

■ Further **2,572** priests disciplined with lesser penalties, such as life of penance and prayer, or ban on public ministries

■ Most abuses took place between 1950s and 1980s