



Lawyers for nearly 150 people who claim they were sexually abused by Roman Catholic priests in the San Diego Diocese released thousands of pages of previously sealed church documents on Sunday with details of complaints against the priests that include medical records and correspondence between priests and their superiors.

A judge ruled on Friday that roughly 10,000 pages of internal records could be made public after a years-long legal battle between those who claimed abuse and the diocese. The records are from the personnel files of **48 priests who were either credibly accused or convicted of sexual abuse** or named in a civil suit.

The 144 plaintiffs settled with the diocese in 2007 for nearly \$200 million; the agreement provided that an independent judge would determine what personnel records could be made public.

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