

Oppose Bill Targeting "Seal of Confession"

For Catholics, the sanctity of the confessional is unquestionable. It is central to our faith and to our constitutional right to the free expression of religion.

SB 360 Mandated reporters: clergy (Hill, D-San Mateo), as proposed, attempted to undermine the seal of confession for all the faithful. Now, even though amended, SB 360 still denies the sanctity of confession to priests and to thousands of Catholics who work with priests in parishes and other Church agencies and ministries. ([Read Archbishop José Gomez's statement](https://www.cacatholic.org/archbishop-gomez-ca-confession-bill-amendment-still-unacceptable-violation-our-religious-freedoms%E2%80%99) (<https://www.cacatholic.org/archbishop-gomez-ca-confession-bill-amendment-still-unacceptable-violation-our-religious-freedoms%E2%80%99>).

Clergy and ministers are already mandated reporters of abuse when it comes to their administrative duties. That is right and important. It must continue unabated.

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