Members of my research team and I recently analyzed unsealed priest personnel files from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and St. John's Abbey in Minnesota. The purpose was to examine the way priests, monks, diocesan administrators, and others associated with the dioceses justified behavior of sexually abusive clergy and concealed allegations of abuse from parishioners, civil authorities, and the general public. Results suggest that Denial of Responsibility and Condemnation of Condemners were the most widely used Techniques of Neutralization. We continue to examine neutralization techniques used to perpetuate this sexual abuse scandal as well as other behaviors of sexually abusive clergy. This research has helped pave the way for the creation of the Clergy Abuse Research Consortium (www.clergyabuseresearch.org).