



MEDIA ADVISORY

\$9,990,000 settlement announced in child sex abuse cases against Cardinal Roger Mahony, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Michael Baker

Cases allege that former Father Michael Baker sexually abused four boys on multiple occasions, dating back to the 1970s. It was alleged that Cardinal Roger Mahony knew of Father Baker's criminal behavior and allowed him to continue to serve as a priest.

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WHAT: Media is invited to cover the announcement by attorneys representing four victims of former priest, Michael Baker -- John PH Doe, John EA Doe, John DM Doe and John MG Doe -- of a \$9,990,000 settlement of cases against the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger Mahony and former priest Michael Baker. The settlements in each of the four cases range from \$995,000 to \$4,000,000.

WHO: John Manly, Attorney, Manly & Stewart
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WHEN: Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Stanley Mosk Courthouse
110 North Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90012

WHY: These cases against former priest Michael Baker are symbolic of the sex abuse scandals that rocked the Los Angeles Archdiocese under Cardinal Roger Mahony.

Baker repeatedly molested the four young victims on multiple occasions, dating back to the 1970s. Some of these attacks occurred on overnight trips to San Diego and Riverside Counties.

According to published reports, “Cardinal Mahony has since acknowledged that he mishandled the Baker case by not calling police and pulling Baker from the ministry. Instead, Mahony followed what was then the established practice – keeping allegations secret and allowing Baker to continue working in the archdiocese.”

In 2007, Baker pled guilty to 12 counts of molestation against young boys and was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He was released in 2011 with credit for time served.