

Financial Mismanagement at the Vatican

As if sexual abuse¹ scandals were not enough, now the Catholic church is grappling with² a major financial scandal: one of its most senior clerics³ is facing trial⁴ for misuse of funds⁵. BEM's Michael Gaylord tucks in his shirt⁶ as he heads⁷ to Rome to investigate⁸.

It's been a tough year for the Catholic church. Make that a tough century. Early in the 2000s, both public and church-appointed investigations uncovered thousands of cases in which Catholic clergy (mostly male priests and bishops) had sexually, physically and emotionally abused children – for decades. Although initially senior clerics in the Church tried to either play down the abuse or even hide it, the criminal activity was revealed to be so severe and universally widespread that it could not be ignored. To add to the tragedy, last year it was revealed that as many as 10,000 indigenous children in North America had been abused by priests and nuns who were responsible for educating them in residential schools during the 20th century, after unmarked graves which contained the children's remains were discovered across western Canada. This autumn, the Church is being rocked by a fraud and embezzlement trial in which the defendants, including a cardinal, are accused of mismanaging millions of euros. To accommodate the largest criminal trial in the Church's history a large museum hall inside the Vatican has been converted into

a courtroom⁹. What has transpired to get to this point?

The Crime^{4,2}

The charges centre around the poor handling of real estate investments with

sexual abuse, sexual molestation

seksualne
to grapple with sth to grapple with something borykać się

z czymś, mocować się
clerk 'kleńk' duchowny

trial 'trial' proces (sądowy)
misuse of funds 'misju:z' ew fandsz sprzeniewierzenie

funduszy
to tuck in one's shirt to tuck in wanz fać

koszuli w spodnie (ogarnąć się, zacząć sprawiać
schłudnie, porządnie wrazenie)

to head somewhere to head somewhere(z) zmierzać
dokąds

to investigate to investigate przeprowadzić
dochodzenie

tough 'tuf' silny, twardy
make that X 'mek bet a wiściwie to X, a nawet

X (o czymś, co jest większe, ciekawsze, bardziej)
X-appointed 'epaind' wyznaczony przez X

to uncover sth to uncover sth ujawnić
clergy 'kledzi' kler
bishop 'bifep' biskup
initially 'inijeli' pierwotnie, początkowo
to play sth down to play sth down bagatelizować coś, umniejszać rolę/znaczenie
czegós
criminal activity 'kriminali' aktywności
przestępstwa
to reveal sth to reveal sth ujawnić coś, ukazać
severe 'siwra' ostry, dotkliwy
universally 'junivarseli' powszechnie, przez wszystkich
widespread 'widspreid' powszechny, rozpowszechniony
indigenous 'indidzinas' rdzenny, tubylczy
responsible for sth to responsible for sth odpowiedzialny za coś
residential school 'rezidenl' skul szkoła z internatem dla Indian kanadyjskich
unmarked grave 'unmarkt' gretv nieoznakowany/nieoznaczony grób
to contain to contain zawierać
remains 'riwenz' szczątki
to discover sth to discover sth odkryć coś
to rock sth to rock sth wstrząsnąć czymś
fraud 'frud' oszustwo
embezzlement 'imbezment' sprzeniewierzenie (powierzonych pieniędzy)
defendant 'defendant' podsądny, oskarżony
cardinal 'kardinal' kardynał
to accuse sb of sth to accuse sb of sth oskarżyć kogoś o coś
to mismanage sth to mismanage sth nie właściwie zarządzać czymś
to accommodate sth to accommodate sth pomieścić coś, zmieścić
museum hall 'mju:ziam hol' hala muzealna
to convert sth into sth to convert sth into sth zmieniać coś w/na coś, przekształcać coś
w coś
courtroom 'kourtum' sala sądowa
to transpire to transpire odbyć się, mieć miejsce
to get to X point to get to X point dojść do X stanu/sytuacji
crime 'kram' przestępstwo
charge 'tjadz' oskarżenie (o przestępstwo)
to centre around sth to centre around sth koncentrować się wokół czegoś (UK)
handling of sth 'handling' av something zarządzanie
czyms, postępowanie z czymś
real estate 'reali' stait nieruchomości