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## THE HIDDEN CRISIS OF THE ABUSE OF CATHOLIC SISTERS AND NUNS

presented by Terence McKiernan and Lucy Huh

A Webinar for Survivors and Those Who Care for Them

**Monday, July 28, 2025 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. CDT**



This presentation examines the widespread, yet underreported phenomenon of emotional, spiritual and sexual abuse perpetrated against Catholic sisters and nuns in religious orders. Drawing on survivor testimonies, institutional documents and recent investigations, this presentation will explore the power imbalances, cultures of silence and inadequate accountability mechanisms that have enabled this abuse to persist across centuries and continents.

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