

Australian media barred from reporting on Vatican official convicted of sex crimes against children



Melbourne, December 14 (RHC)-- A high-ranking Vatican official has been convicted of sexually molesting two boys in Australia. Most recently, Cardinal George Pell was the Vatican's chief financial officer. Some considered him the third most powerful official in the Vatican. He previously served as archbishop of Sydney and Melbourne.

The shocking news, however, is not being reported in Australia, due to a court gag order. Thursday's edition of the Herald Sun features a large black box with the word "CENSORED" in white capital letters.

Earlier this week, Pope Francis removed Pell and Chilean Cardinal Francisco Javier Errázuriz from his inner circle. Errázuriz has been accused by survivors of covering up and discrediting their stories of abuse.

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