

Actor Mark Wahlberg Calls Catholic Church to Clean Up After Sex Scandal

Mark Wahlberg hopes the sex abuse scandal which has rocked the Catholic Church in recent years will lead to a “clean-up” because offenders need “to be dealt with and addressed.”

The *Fighter* star, who is a devout Catholic, is adamant his faith has never wavered despite the emergence of allegations of child abuse by priests that have dominated headlines, and Wahlberg wants Church officials to ensure a line is drawn under the scandal.

He tells the *Sydney Morning Herald*, “I’m just glad that it’s all coming to light so we can clean up the church so these things aren’t happening any more. These are horrible things. Paedophiles or what have you hiding behind the cloth needs to be dealt with and addressed. But my faith will never waver because of people who are weak in the flesh.”

Wahlberg adds of his religious lifestyle, “Being a Catholic and also being a husband and a parent definitely makes me think a little bit longer and harder about the (movie) choices I make, but being an artist I’ve got to be able to have the freedom to try things that I want to do. So I just weigh those decisions up. Everything comes in to play.”