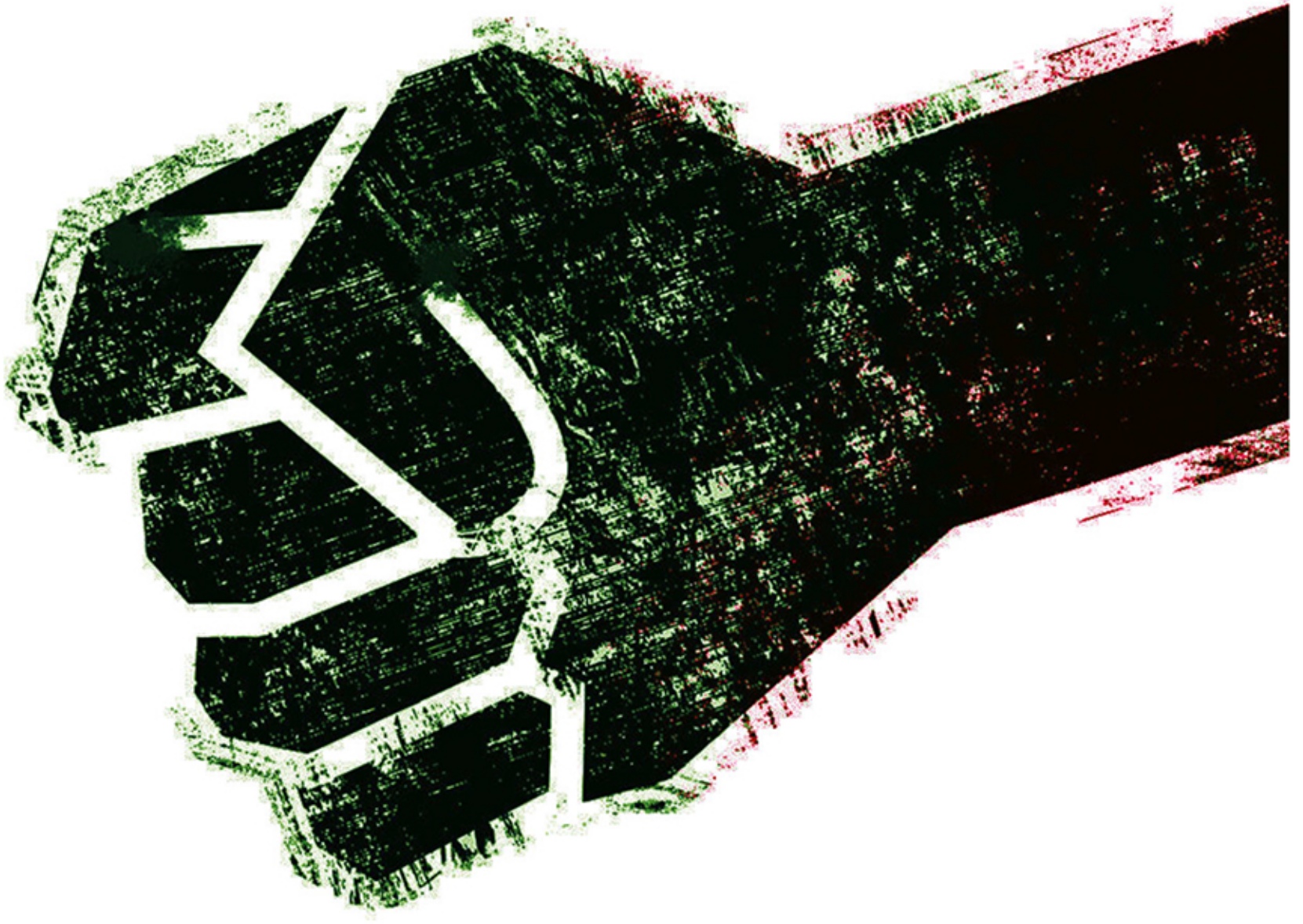




There is strength in numbers.

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child abuse



A BILL with a BITE to combat this heinous crime...

BEGAN with a small group of parishioners from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oakridge.

Parishioners from St Mary's Catholic Church in Oakridge had **ENOUGH**; there's too much child abuse in TN—they wanted more accountability built into the laws. They turned to Lieutenant Governor Randy McNally, also a member of St. Mary's.

The result? The Lieutenant Governor is shepherding [HB0565 SB1252](#) through the legislature—a better bill with more bite. It extends statutes of limitation for acts of child abuse AND increases the penalty for failure to report child abuse or child sexual abuse. [More details.](#)

To ensure accountability and passage, the Lieutenant Governor met with the Bishops to discuss contents AND requested two Catholic Legislators to sponsor the bill: Senator Gresham (Somerville) and Representative Dunn (Knoxville).

The bill is moving quickly through both houses.

Senate Status: Passed Senate Judiciary Committee 9 to 0. Headed to Senate Floor for a final vote.

House Status: In the Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee

This is what can happen when Catholics meddle in politics. Way to go St. Mary's!

Abortion will be banned in TN when...

the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* –or– amends the U.S. Constitution to allow states to prohibit abortion.

It could happen IF Bill [HB1029](#) | [SB1257](#) is passed.

[HB1029](#) | [SB1257](#) aka *Roe vs. Wade Bill* | aka *Human Life Protection Act*

Senator Gresham (Somerville) Representative Lynn (Mt. Juliet)

The bill creates an exception for situations where the abortion is necessary to prevent the death of a pregnant woman or prevent serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of major bodily function; prohibits prosecution of a woman upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted.

House Status: In the Finance, Ways, and Means Subcommittee

Senate Status: Recommended for passage by Senate Judiciary Committee 7 to 2.

Want to know how the Senators voted?

7 Senators voting aye were: Bell, Bowling, Gardenhire, Lundberg, Roberts, Stevens, and White

2 Senators voting no were: Kyle and Robinson