



TRIAGE OF OFFENDERS

Naive

incidents that result from lack of insight or information about emotional dynamics or professional role, such as:

- naiveté about others
failure to recognize transference
- naiveté about self
failure to recognize countertransference
- naiveté about pastoral role
attempting "dual" relationship: pastor and lover

Situational

unrepeated incidents which occurred under pressure of identifiable stressors, i.e., divorce, financial/career problems, health crisis, etc.

Chronic or Patterned

repeated instances of sexual abuse or misconduct, the result of several possible clinical problems.

Examples include:

- sexual addiction
- compulsive disorder
- personality disorder
- those with evil intent

The wounding effects of repeated incidents of sexual misconduct, for the perpetrator, include the creation of a false self, the need to distance oneself from one's most intimate partners, and denial of conscience and emotion. These factors preclude the perpetrator from pastoral responsibilities prior to effective intervention and depth change, for they make appropriate limit-setting and accurate self-evaluation impossible.