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*SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS, PAGE 2*Panel 4.1 : Canon Law, Sanctions and Secrecy

- The impact of canon law: the ideal and the real
- The historical role of canon law in the Church's response to sexual violation
- The role of canon law today: changes, application and attitude
- Secrecy: its role, usefulness, cultural and canonical foundation
- The use and abuse of the tradition of mental reservation
- The American experience: truth telling and clergy sexual abuse
- Sanctions in the Catholic clerical world
- The spectrum of canonical crimes and the lack of balance in sanctions
- Who gets punished: culprit? Victim? Enabler?
- Forgiveness and accountability: levels of manipulation and misuse
- What has changed and what can change: beyond canon law and the clerical culture
- The Church leadership's greatest failure: inadequate to non-existent comprehension of the spiritual damage to the victims and to the People of God