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*International Association of Free Thought
Association Internationale de Libre Pensée
Asociación Internacional de Libre Pensamiento*

Saturday October 11th 2025 - 20h30 **Lyon Palais de la Mutualité**

Place Antonin Jutard Lyon 3e

Public Conference « The Barbarin affair: a tale of impunity »

Conference organised at the conclusion of the 9th Congress of the International Association of Free Thought, whose central theme will be justice for victims of the Churches and the issues of reparation, in France and across the five continents.

Message red from Père **Pierre Vignon** the priest who called for Cardinal Barbarin's resignation.

In the presence of associations representing victims of the Church:

Nanou Couturier,

for the association *Abusés de l'Eglise – Tous ensemble!*
(*Abused by the Church – All Together!*)

Evelyne Le Bris,

for '*Les Filles du Bon Pasteur*'

(The Daughters of the Good Shepherd)

With **the participation of the association**

'*De la Parole aux Actes*' (From Words to Action)

In the presence of **Keith Porteous Wood,**

expert with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, author of a question to the French State on its inaction and spokesperson for the IAF/AILP,

and **Christian Eyschen,**

secretary general of Libre Pensée and also spokesperson for the IAF/AILP

In the hoped-for presence of the Primate of Gaul, to whom the floor is given.

Philippe Barbarin is not the only one who has failed, far from it, and whatever the courts may say, it is an entire institution whose functioning contravenes republican rules.

There are 330,000 victims in France alone, as established by the CIASE report led by Jean-Marc Sauvé. Men, women, boys, girls, children, adults, scouts and seminarians – the victims are countless and the testimonies continue to surface, desperately.

How many more victims are yet to be discovered?

As a representative of the IAF/AILP stated on 11 September 2019 during a plenary session of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child: "*The truth is necessary for the victims' recovery. Our international association proposes that civil law be the only law recognised and that the responsible religious bodies, in particular the Holy See, open their archives to investigators appointed by the criminal authorities of member countries.*"

Too many cases have been buried. '*Thank God,*' Cardinal Barbarin would have said. '*We hoped and thought that the victims would forget,*' admitted Eric de Moulins-Beaufort, president of the Conference of Bishops of France.

The victims cannot forget.

**Recognition and reparation,
Justice must be done!**