

# ***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.