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## Irish cardinal defends role in 1975 abuse inquiry, says he won't resign

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DUBLIN (CNS) -- The primate of All Ireland has said he will not resign despite criticism of his role in a 1975 canonical inquiry into a pedophile priest, Norbertine Father Brendan Smyth.

In a statement issued in Armagh, Northern Ireland, May 2, Cardinal Sean Brady defended his involvement in the inquiry and accused the BBC documentary "The World: The Shame of the Catholic Church" of making a number of claims that overstated and misrepresented his role.

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Father Eugene O'Hagen and his brother, Father Martin O'Hagen -- two of the three members of "The Priests" -- sing during Mass at Holy Family Church in Chicago May 1. The classical trio from Northern Ireland, on their inaugural U.S. concert tour, concelebrated Mass at Holy Family, taking up a free-will offering for Catholic Charities in Chicago. Among the songs they sang were the "Ave Maria," "Panis Angelicus" and their rendition of the ballad "Danny Boy." (CNS/Karen Callaway, Catholic New World)

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