

OPPPOSITION is growing against the controversial French circus set to arrive in Glasgow this weekend.

Now a petition has been raised by city Christians in a bid to ban the French troupe.

Several hundred people – including clergymen – signed a petition this weekend and a prayer chain has been set up to halt the circus in its tracks.

Protest leader 74-year-old Jessie Crawford, right, claims the petition commanded massive support at her church.

She said: "I took it along to Gairbraid Parish Church.

"They were all shocked by the antics revealed in *The Glaswegian* last week."

She hopes a last minute appeal to Glasgow District Council's licensing department will force a late cancellation.

She said: "These acts will only exacerbate the problem of child sex abuse, and our city council will be guilty."

Sponsors of the circus, Gold Bier, defended the controversial circus as being in "the French tradition".

