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Diocesan Statement Regarding Reverend Robert Gaudio
June 8, 2020

On February 22, 2019, the Diocese placed the Reverend Robert Gaudio on administrative leave because it received allegations of sexual misconduct against a minor for alleged acts that took place over 30 years ago. Father Gaudio “unequivocally denies all of the allegations.”

Nevertheless, knowing that the matter continues to require his serious attention and that Father Gaudio is currently prohibited from performing any public ministry, and therefore unable to fulfill the office of Pastor of Saint Christopher’s Parish in North Chili, New York, Father Gaudio was asked by Bishop Matano to submit his letter of resignation as Pastor. He has complied, and again he “expressly denies the accusations.” Father Gaudio’s resignation has been accepted.

In his letter of resignation, Father Gaudio wrote: “Motivated by the love and support I have received from my Parish, I hereby offer my resignation as Pastor of Saint Christopher’s, so that it can move forward under new leadership.”

The Reverend Michael G. Upson has been appointed as parochial administrator of Saint Christopher’s, North Chili, New York, a position which he has held up to this time as “interim administrator.”

Prior to February 22, 2019, no previous allegations of sexual abuse of a minor had been received against Father Gaudio.

Let us keep in prayer all of those affected by these very sad situations.

HELP FOR VICTIMS

Victims of abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mrs. Deborah A. Housel, at (585) 328-3228, ext. 1555 (toll free: 800-388-7177, ext. 1555) or by email to victimassistance@dor.org