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Letters to the Editor**

In regard to December 8 article, "Two Metro priests are barred from duty," a point of clarification is needed regarding the arrangements between the Detroit archdiocese and those priests who are permanently removed from ministry under church policies on clerical sexual abuse with minors. With the final determination that an individual will no longer be working as an active priest, he is expected to find other employment or source of income to support himself. During this time, the archdiocese makes financial arrangements with the individual and offers a program to assist him in the transition to the workforce. Additionally, the benefits earned during his years of service will be modified to reflect his current and future status.

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