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Regarding Fr. Kenneth Kauckeck...

Effective April 23, 2009, Fr. Kenneth Kauckeck, 62, has resigned as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak, and pastor of St. James Parish, Ferndale. He has been placed on an administrative leave of absence and is currently restricted from any public ministry.

The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive an allegation of sexual misconduct with a person under the age of 18 involving Fr. Kauckeck dating back to the early years of his ministry in the Detroit archdiocese.

Information about the allegation was received in January by the archdiocese and immediately shared with civil authorities.

Subsequently, the Archdiocesan Review Board commissioned an independent investigation that found the complaint to be of sufficient substance to require the placement of a temporary restriction on Fr. Kauckeck's service as a priest. A new pastor for St. Mary and St. James parishes has been appointed and will be announced at weekend liturgies. Between now and this summer, Fr. John Hall, a senior (retired) priest, will serve as administrator.

Information on archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding these matters is available at www.AODonline.org/Protect&Heal. To inform the archdiocese of complaints involving sexual abuse of minors by clergy or church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: 866-343-8055.

Biographical information

Education: Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; St. John Provincial Seminary, Plymouth;
St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore; Gregorian University, Rome

Degrees: Doctorate in Ministry; Doctorate in Canon Law

1976 Ordained
1976 Associate Pastor, Guardian Angels Parish, Clawson
1977 Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn
1980 Associate Pastor, Christ the King Parish, Detroit
1980 Campus Minister, Gabriel Richard Center, Dearborn
1982 Pastor, Epiphany Parish, Detroit
1983 Auditor in Annulment Cases, Archdiocesan Metropolitan (Marriage) Tribunal
1992 Associate Pastor, St. Anastasia Parish, Troy; Grievance Clerk, Tribunal
1996 Pastor, St. Anastasia Parish, Troy
2004 Pastor, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Grosse Pointe Woods
2006 Temporary Administrator, Holy Family, Detroit
2008 Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak and St. James Parish, Ferndale
2009 Administrative Leave of Absence

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