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Dear Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Family,

I write to share some difficult news about Monsignor Daniel Mayall, who served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish from July 2016 to December 2018 and as senior priest of St. Joseph from January 2019 to June 2019. Then as senior priest of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish from January 2019 to June 2021. He has continued to reside at the parish in his retirement. The archdiocese has received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor while Monsignor was assigned to St. Francis Borgia Parish approximately 30 years ago. In keeping with our child protection policies, I have directed Monsignor Mayall to remain out of ministry and refrain from all parish and school activities. While Monsignor strenuously denies this allegation, he has agreed to cooperate with this direction.

Moreover, as is required by our child protection policies, the allegation was reported to civil authorities. The person making the allegation was offered the services of our Victim Assistance Ministry, and the archdiocese has begun its investigation. After the civil authorities finish their work, the archdiocese will complete its investigation and report the results to our Independent Review Board. We do not presume the truth or falsity of an allegation until the process is complete and I have received our IRB's recommendation for my decision. Only by conducting a thorough and impartial review can we ensure fairness to all concerned.

I want to stress that the welfare of the children entrusted to our care is our paramount concern. The Archdiocese of Chicago takes all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and encourages anyone who feels they have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee to come forward. They will be received with dignity and compassion. Complete information about reporting sexual abuse can be found on the archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org.

In the meantime, as we go through this process together, know that you are in my prayers. We appreciate your patience and will do our best to keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago