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## **Statement on Rev. Dennis J. Shaw**

An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor dating back to the late 1970s has been made against Rev. Dennis J. Shaw, and deemed credible after an investigation by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester. Rev. Shaw was serving at the now-closed St. Francis of Assisi Church in Rochester when the abuse occurred. He has most recently been serving as Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Church in Auburn, New York.

Rev. Shaw has been placed on administrative leave and his priestly faculties have been withdrawn. He can no longer exercise public ministry in any capacity.

Rev. Shaw was ordained on March 22, 1974. After ordination, he served at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester, from 1974-1977; St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester, 1977-1987; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester, 1987-1993; the Community of Hope (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/St. Michael's/Holy Redeemer/St. Francis) 1993-2005; and at Holy Family Church, Auburn, since 2005.

Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, we ask that news personnel not visit the parishes or contact parish staffs. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

**HELP FOR VICTIMS:** The Diocese of Rochester encourages victims of abuse to always report to the civil authorities. To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact Barbara Pedeville, the victims' assistance coordinator appointed by Bishop Matthew H. Clark: Phone 585-328-3228, ext. 1215 (toll-free 1-800-388- 7177, ext. 1215), or by e-mail to [pedeville@dor.org](mailto:pedeville@dor.org)

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