

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## Regarding Fr. Michael Malawy...

Effective August 22, 2004, Fr. Michael Malawy (pronounced *Muh-LAV-Ee*), 49, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maybee, has been placed on an administrative leave of absence and restricted from any public ministry. Fr. Malawy had been on a temporary medical leave of absence since May 16, 2004. Fr. Robert Bauer remains as administrator of St. Joseph Parish.

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

Preliminary information about the allegation was received this past spring by the archdiocese and immediately shared with civil authorities, who chose, because of the passage of time, not to investigate the allegation further.

Subsequently, the Archdiocesan Review Board commissioned an investigation that found the complaint to be of sufficient substance to recommend the placement of a temporary restriction on Fr. Malawy's service as a priest. Fr. Malawy has cooperated fully in this process.

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**A picture of Fr. Malawy, as well as a copy of this news advisory, is available on the Internet on the *News & Publications* page at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org). A copy of the revised Archdiocesan Policy on the Sexual Abuse of Minors is available on the pages dedicated to *Promise to Protect. Pledge to Heal*. An alternate download site is available at [homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath](http://homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath).**

### Biographical Information:

Ordained 1981

1981 Associate Pastor, St. Florian Parish, Hamtramck  
1982 Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth  
1982 Associate Pastor, Divine Child Parish, Dearborn  
1986 Associate Pastor, St. Alphonsus Parish, Dearborn  
1987 Associate Pastor, St. Peter Parish, Mt. Clemens  
1990 Pastor, St. Aloysius Parish, Romulus; and Chaplain, Detroit Metropolitan Airport  
1997 Pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Maybee  
1997 Temporary Administrator, St. Aloysius Parish, Romulus  
May 2004 Temporary Medical Leave of Absence

**August 2004 Leave of Absence 2004**

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