

Archdiocese of Detroit

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Regarding Fr. Timothy Murray...

Effective August 22, 2004, Fr. Timothy Murray, 54, pastor of St. Edith Parish, Livonia, has been placed on an administrative leave of absence and restricted from any public ministry.

The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor involving Fr. Murray 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. Murray's service as a priest. Fr. Murray has cooperated fully in this process.

Msgr. Gerald Flanigan, a senior (retired) priest in the archdiocese, has been appointed temporary administrator of St. Edith Parish until September 7, when Fr. Paul Ballien, currently associate pastor of Holy Family Parish, Novi, will become administrator of the parish.

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A picture of Fr. Murray, as well as a copy of this news advisory, is available on the Internet on the *News & Publications* page at 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.

Biographical Information:

Ordained 1977

1977 Associate Pastor, St. Dorothy Parish, Warren
1980 Associate Pastor, St. Veronica Parish, East Detroit
1982 Co-Pastor, St. Linus Parish, Dearborn Heights
1988 Pastor, St. Raphael Parish, Garden City
1991 Pastor, St. Martin de Porres Parish, Warren
2000 Pastor, St. Edith Parish, Livonia

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