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Regarding Fr. James Wysocki...

Effective Saturday, February 1st, Fr. James Wysocki (pronounced *why-Sock-key*), 62, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Marine City, and administrator of St. Mark Parish, Harsens Island, has been placed on administrative leave and restricted from any public ministry.

The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor involving Fr. Wysocki dating back to the early years of his ministry. An initial complaint was first brought forward to the archdiocese several years ago, but there was insufficient information to proceed with any action at that time.

In the spring of 2002, the information involving Fr. Wysocki was shared with civil authorities, who choose, 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 require the placement of a temporary restriction on Fr. Wysocki's service as a priest. Fr. Wysocki has cooperated fully in this process.

Fr. George Browne has been appointed Temporary Administrator of Holy Cross and St. Mark Parishes and will be assisted on Harsens Island by Fr. Sigismund Kowalczyk.

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***A picture of Fr. Wysocki, as well as a copy of this news advisory, is available on the Internet at homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath. A copy of the revised archdiocesan policy on the sexual abuse of minors by clergy is available on the News & Publications Page at aodonline.org.**

Biographical Information:

Ordained 1967

1967 Associate Pastor, St. Michael Parish, Pontiac

1972 Chaplain/Counselor, Pontiac Catholic High School (in addition to responsibilities as associate pastor at St. Michael Parish)

1977 Pastor, St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish, New Baltimore

1981 Temporary Administrator, St. Mark Parish, Harsens Island (in addition to responsibilities as pastor of St. Mary Queen of Creation Parish)

1990 Pastor, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth

1992 Pastor, Holy Cross Parish, Marine City

1997 Temporary Administrator, St. Mark Parish, Harsens Island (in addition to responsibilities as pastor of Holy Cross Parish)

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