

Regarding Fr. Gary Bueche...

“On Monday evening, April 1, the parish council and staff of SS. John and Paul Parish in Washington, Michigan, were informed that Fr. Gary Bueche (pronounced Beekey) had resigned as pastor and is on a leave of absence from the active priestly ministry.

“These actions follow a credible allegation of sexual misconduct arising from the early years of Fr. Bueche’s service as a priest.

“At this preliminary phase, the facts and the time elapsed in this case would suggest that, at present, further action is not anticipated. The archdiocese remains committed to cooperating with civil authorities in accord with the law. Likewise, Father Bueche is cooperating fully in this process.

“An offer of pastoral care was extended to those involved. Fr. John Hall, a senior priest in the archdiocese, has been appointed temporary administrator of SS. John and Paul Parish.”

Statement from Ned McGrath
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