

REGARDING THE SENTENCING OF FR. ROBERT BURKHOLDER...

On Friday, November 1st, the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney announced the resolution of a sexual abuse case against a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Fr. Robert Burkholder. Archdiocesan Director of Communications, Ned McGrath, issued the following statement:

“The archdiocese cooperated with civil authorities in this matter and respects the results of the process that followed. And while there is resolution of the case at hand, the archdiocese recognizes this is a sad and difficult time for everyone involved.”

Ned McGrath
Director of Communications
November 1st, 2002

As a point of information, Fr. Burkholder, 83, achieved senior priest status (retired) in 1985. In 1993, he was prohibited from the exercise of any public ministry or to present himself publicly as a priest. In that his current residence is out of state, it is correct to say that Fr. Burkholder formally lived and served in the archdiocese, but he himself is not a former priest.

The proper name of the Redford, Michigan parish mentioned in the prosecutor’s Media Advisory is: St. Robert Bellarmine (*bell-are-min*).

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What follows is the first page of the Media Advisory issued by the Office of the Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney.

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