

Advisory from The Archdiocese of Detroit

REGARDING FR. RON WILLIAMS....

Effective September 8th, Fr. Ron Williams, 50, has been placed on a temporary administrative leave of absence from his position as pastor of St. Mary's of Redford Parish in Detroit. This action is taken pending further inquiry into a substantive allegation of sexual abuse of a minor dating back to the early years of his ministry. An allegation was received by the Archdiocese of Detroit in late spring. Following the provisions of the voluntary agreement with civil authorities, the archdiocese referred the complaint to the county prosecutor for investigation. The authorities have now completed that review and informed the archdiocese of their findings, which include further information, as well as a determination that the matter is beyond the statute of limitations. Fr. Williams has been cooperating fully in this process. Fr. Jay Samonie, a senior (retired) priest, will become temporary administrator of the parish and receive assistance from Fr. Bill Lunnon, currently in residence at the parish.

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***** A digital picture of Fr. Williams and a copy of this news advisory are available on the Internet at homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath.**

Biographical Information

Ordained 1979

1979 Associate Pastor, St. Mary's of Redford, Detroit
(in addition to duties as Chaplain for the Detroit Police Department in the early 1980s,
Chaplain for the Girls Scouts and Camp Fire Girls from 6/15/81-4/9/84, and work at
the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit from 11/2/81-12/31/82)

1982 Associate Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harper Woods
(in addition to duties as Chaplain for the National Guard at the Light Guard Armory from
5/3/82-8/6/87, Part-time Ministry at Bishop Gallagher High School, Harper Woods, from
7/1/82-8/1/85, and as work as Assistant to the Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Detroit
from 11/29/82-8/1/85)

1985 Associate Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Detroit
(in addition to responsibility as Administrator, St. Benedict the Moor, Detroit)

1986 Pastor, St. Juliana-St. John Berchmans, Detroit
(in addition to duties as Chaplain for the Michigan State Police in the late 1980s and Part-time
Chaplain at Bishop Gallagher High School, Harper Woods, from 5/3/91-7/1/93)

1993 Pastor, St. Mary's of Redford, Detroit

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