

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

For Release Thursday, February 13th, 2003

Regarding Fr. Timothy Szott...

Effective Tuesday, February 11th, Fr. Timothy Szott (pronounced *Zott*), 55, pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Utica, has been placed on administrative leave and restricted from any public ministry. This action is taken as a result of an ongoing criminal investigation at St. Lawrence Parish regarding the possession of alleged child pornographic materials. The information available at this time indicates these materials do not involve children from the St. Lawrence community and there is no reason to believe that any abuse of children has been alleged or that it has occurred at the parish or the school. In that Fr. Szott is a subject of the investigation, it was determined that his departure from St. Lawrence is in the best interest of the parish and the community. The investigation, as undertaken by the Utica Police Department and the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office, is receiving the full cooperation of the archdiocese.

Fr. John Hall has been appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Lawrence Parish.

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A picture of Fr. Szott, as well as a copy of this news advisory, is available on the Internet at homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath.

Biographical Information:

Ordained 1973

1973 Associate Pastor, Ascension Parish, Warren
1976 Co-Pastor and later Pastor, St. Patrick Parish, White Lake
1986 Pastor, St. Agatha Parish, Redford
1989 Executive Director, Oakland Catholic High School, Pontiac
1991 Director, Vocation Office, Archdiocese of Detroit
1995 Pastor, St. Lawrence Parish, Utica

Leave of Absence 2003