Rev. Robert Loftus


Archdiocesan officials reported today that Robert Loftus, 82, "was credibly accused of sexual misconduct with a 'young woman' in the early 1970's. We do not have knowledge of the complainant's age at the time of the misconduct.

"An independent investigator was hired to review the file and advise on whether Loftus should be disclosed as a 'substantiated claim.'

"To date, the investigator has not determined whether a claim of sexual abuse of a minor was or can be substantiated. The investigation is continuing, and our disclosures will be updated when the investigation is completed."

Assignment history

1963: Assistant pastor, St. Stephen (Anoka)
1966: Assistant pastor, Christ the King (Minneapolis)
1967: Assistant pastor, St. Mary's Basilica (Minneapolis)
1971: Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini (Minneapolis)
1977: Leave of absence

Removed from priesthood in 1977