

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Jimmy M. Lago
Chancellor



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Ms. Jessica Arbour
332 Minnesota St., #E1000 First National
St. Paul MN 55101

RE: Rev. Joseph L. Fitzharris

Dear Ms. Arbour:

We have received your request for information regarding Joseph L. Fitzharris. The records of the Archdiocese of Chicago reflect that Joseph L. Fitzharris was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese on April 28, 1962.

In March 1987 Joseph L. Fitzharris was convicted of the offense of criminal sexual abuse in the Circuit Court of Cook County and was sentenced to supervision. The Archbishop placed Joseph L. Fitzharris under restrictions with monitoring.

In October 1991 Joseph L. Fitzharris was withdrawn from ministry. In January 1995 Joseph L. Fitzharris resigned from priestly ministry.

Please understand, a determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that a priest has engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor does not mean that the allegation has been proved. It means the allegation has been determined to have sufficient reliability to warrant further action by the Archdiocese.

If you have additional information regarding this individual you wish to bring to our attention, please contact Ms. Leah McCluskey of the Office of Professional Responsibility at (312) 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmy M. Lago".

Jimmy M. Lago
Chancellor

