



DECREE

In nomine Domini. Amen

On June 20, 2012, I initiated a preliminary investigation into allegations that Reverend Curtis Wehmeyer, a priest of this Archdiocese, supplied alcohol and sexually explicit images to a minor, and fondled or attempted to fondle the minor's genitals.

During the course of this investigation Reverend Wehmeyer is accorded the presumption of innocence. However, because of the gravity of the alleged crimes, and out of a desire to protect the common good, to prevent scandal and to guard the course of justice during the investigation, I impose the following restrictions on Father Wehmeyer, to take effect immediately and to remain in place for the duration of the investigation and any ensuing penal process, should that be deemed necessary (c. 1722):

- Reverend Wehmeyer is restricted from exercising his office as Pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament of Saint Paul. A parochial administrator will be appointed to oversee the pastoral and temporal governance of the parish for the duration of the period that this decree remains in place.
- Any previously delegated faculties are hereby removed. Moreover, Father Wehmeyer's *de iure* faculties, including the right to preach, are likewise restricted.
- Reverend Wehmeyer is prohibited from public participation in the Eucharist. He may only offer Mass privately, with no member of the faithful present (c. 906).
- He is restricted from living in the rectory of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, or any other rectory or parish house. In addition, to protect the freedom of witnesses, Reverend Wehmeyer is forbidden from any campus or building of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament or any other parish or school of the Archdiocese, as well as their environs.
- I hereby dispense Reverend Wehmeyer from the obligation of wearing cleric attire, and urge that he not do so, for the good of the Church and his own good.

I entreat Father Wehmeyer to cooperate with the provisions outlined here, for his own good and the good of the Church. I also encourage him to retain civil and canonical counsel, so that his right of defense may be protected.

Given in Saint Paul, Minnesota on this 20th day of June, 2012. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Reverend Daniel Bodin
Ecclesiastical Notary

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