



January 22, 2012

Dear Parishioners and Parents,

It is with sadness that I inform you that our Associate Pastor, Fr. Stew Bullock, will no longer be serving at Immaculate Conception parish.

Earlier this week, I was informed by the Archdiocese of Baltimore that Fr. Bullock was removed from ministry after he was arrested and charged with indecent exposure in Harford County while on vacation this past week. According to civil authorities, no other individuals were involved in the incident. It is important to note that no adults or children from the parish, or our parish school, were involved.

Upon learning of the incident, Cardinal-designate O'Brien immediately removed Fr. Bullock's faculties to function as a priest and initiated an investigation to learn more about the incident. Prior to this occurrence, neither Immaculate Conception parish nor the Archdiocese was aware of any illegal behavior by Fr. Bullock.

The Archdiocese has instructed Fr. Bullock to undergo a psychological evaluation. His removal from ministry is indefinite and means that he is not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or present himself in any way as a priest. He will no longer reside at the parish rectory and is not permitted to attend or participate in any parish or school functions.

I realize that this information may be shocking and painful for you to hear, which I sincerely regret. However, in the interest of transparency and out of an abundance of care for this parish and our community, I wanted to share this news with you directly and ask for your prayers for Fr. Bullock and for our parish. I ask parishioners with children, and parents of students of Immaculate Conception School and our School of Religion, to decide how to best inform your children. Should you need assistance in doing so please contact Mrs. Madeline Meaney, our Principal, at 410-427-4808. Should any parishioner or parent have information that may be relevant to this matter, please contact Msgr. Jim Hannon, Associate Director of Clergy Personnel, at 410-547-5302.

Finally, if you have information that involves illegal activity, please report it immediately to Baltimore County Police.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Joseph F. Barr