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ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING REVEREND DAVID A. REINHART

On Friday, November 14, 2014, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas placed Reverend David A. Reinhart on administrative leave following allegations of inappropriate intimate relationships with adult women in violation of the diocesan *Code of Pastoral Conduct* (§4.2). While on administrative leave he is not permitted to exercise public ministry, administer any of the Sacraments, wear clerical attire or present himself publicly as a priest pending the outcome of an investigation. Bishop Thomas has accepted the resignation of Father Reinhart as Pastor of both Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Delphos and Saint John the Baptist Parish, Landeck, where he has served since July 2013.

An announcement regarding the administrative leave and resignation of Father Reinhart was made at both Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Saint John the Baptist Parish this weekend (November 15-16). Out of pastoral care for the people, Bishop Thomas—or his representative, the local Dean—was personally present at the weekend Masses to make the announcement, offer Mass, and preach at both parishes.

The Diocese of Toledo, established April 15, 1910 encompasses 8222 square miles in a mixture of urban and rural areas that spans 19 counties across Northwest, serving 319,189 Catholics in 124 parishes. The diocese includes Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot counties.

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