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PRIEST AND DEACON REMOVED FROM THE CLERICAL STATE

The Holy See has notified the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that the request of James M. Iannarella, a priest, to be removed from the clerical state was granted.

Because of known sexual misconduct involving a minor, James Iannarella was removed from active ministry in 1999. Subsequently, he sought removal from the clerical state. James Iannarella functioned as a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from May 1996 to October 1999 during which time he served at Saint Joseph, Aston. He also served as Ordinary Confessor, Assisi House, for the Sisters of Saint Francis.

Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law James Iannarella is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and he is unable to function as a priest anywhere.

The Holy See has notified the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that the request of Michael F. Conroy, a permanent deacon, to be removed from the clerical state was granted.

Because of known sexual misconduct involving a minor, Michael Conroy was removed from active ministry in 2002. Subsequently, he sought removal from the clerical state. Michael F. Conroy functioned as a deacon of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from June 1994 to October 2002 during which time he served at Sacred Heart, Royersford.

Removal from the clerical state means that in accord with canon law Michael Conroy is no longer incardinated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and he is unable to function as a deacon anywhere.

This public notice may be painful to those who have experienced sexual abuse within the Church. If you are the victim of sexual abuse by a cleric, staff or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and need assistance please call 1-888-800-8780.

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