

# Press Release



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The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau reports an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor involving Fr. Fred Lutz, retired. The allegation pertains to a period in the early 1970s. Following the procedures outlined in the diocesan Safe Environment Policies and Procedures, the Diocese has notified civil authorities of the allegation. Additionally, pastoral support is being provided to the victim.

Fr. Lutz was born in 1943 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in 1973. Fr. Lutz retired from active ministry on March 1, 2011.

### **Pastoral appointments for Fr. Fred Lutz**

As a Transitional Deacon, Rev. Mr. Lutz served in St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, in Cape Girardeau (1972), and Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield (1973).

- 1973 Associate Pastor—Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield
- 1974 Leave to Archdiocese of San Francisco
- 1975 Parochial Administrator—SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Pulaskifield, and St. Edward Parish, in Cassville, MO
- 1975 Pastor—St. William Parish, Buffalo; Chaplain—Fordland Honor Camp  
Parochial Administrator—Sacred Heart Parish, Conway
- 1981 Leave
- 1986 30-day retreat
- 1987 Pastor—Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson
- 1988 Pastor—SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Pulaskifield, and St. Edward Parish, Cassville
- 1991 Pastor—St. Susanne Parish, Mount Vernon, and St. Patrick Mission Church, Greenfield
- 1994 Pastor—Guardian Angel Parish, Oran
- 1996 Pastor—St. Joseph Parish, Advance, and St. Anthony Mission Church, Glennon
- 2003 Pastor—St. Benedict Parish, Doniphan, and St. Anne Mission Church, in Grandin (mission closed in 2005)
- 2005 Pastor—St. Mary Parish, Lamar
- 2009 Health leave
- 2010 Pastor—St. Mary Parish, Lamar
- 2011 Retired

### **Assistance Provided to Victims**

The Diocese will reach out to every person who has been the victim/survivor of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone acting in the name of the Church, whether the abuse was recent or occurred many years in the past. This outreach will include the provision of counseling, spiritual assistance, support groups, and other social services agreed upon by the victim and the Diocese. The Assistance Coordinator will aid in the immediate pastoral care of persons who claim to have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other diocesan personnel.

Persons who wish to document an allegation may do so by calling the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-392-3738 or 844-CAN-TELL; or contact William Holtmeyer, Jr., MS, NCC, LPC, CEAP, Director of Child and Youth Protection, (417) 866-0841, or [billholtmeyer@dioscg.org](mailto:billholtmeyer@dioscg.org); or Victim Assistance Coordinator Judy St. John, LPC, NCC, (573) 587-3139, or [vacl@dioscg.org](mailto:vacl@dioscg.org); or through the diocesan Web-based TIPS Online reporting portal (see [dioscg.org](http://dioscg.org) and look for “TIPS” link).

The Safe Environment Policies for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau are available by logging on to the diocesan Website at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) under the **Child and Youth Protection** ministry tab.



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