

## Michael Van Acker

Assignment History	Holy Trinity (Bloomington) Central Catholic High School (Bloomington) St. Patrick (Wapella) Bergan High School (Peoria) St. Patrick (Andalusia) OSF St. Mary Medical Center (Galesburg)
Birth Year	1952
Ordination Year	1981
Year Removed	2002

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### **"CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA REQUESTS GALESBURG PRIEST TO NO LONGER FUNCTION IN PUBLIC MINISTRY"**

**PEORIA-** Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria has asked Michael R. Van Acker, 50, chaplain OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, to step-down from public ministry. Allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor were recently brought to the diocese's attention. The misconduct occurred in the early 1980's. Van Acker has been asked not to function as a Catholic priest in any public capacity, to no longer wear clerical garb or the Roman collar, and to refrain from using the title Reverend or Father.

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