

NEWS RELEASE  
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***“DISMISSAL FROM CLERICAL STATE CONFIRMED IN THE CASE OF  
THOMAS MILLER”***

**For Immediate Release**

**PEORIA-** The Diocese of Peoria has been informed that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has rejected the appeal of Thomas Miller in regard to his dismissal from the clerical state. Thomas Miller was dismissed from the clerical state October 2006, but appealed this decision. Recently, the Diocese of Peoria was informed that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has upheld the initial decision and that he is now permanently dismissed from the clerical state. The Congregation also indicated that no further appeal is possible. The Congregation duly considered all evidence presented by both parties in this matter and affirmed his permanent dismissal.

Thomas Miller has served at Holy Trinity Parish, Bloomington, Schlarman High School, Danville, and St. Bernard Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, both located in Peoria. Bishop Daniel Jenky has asked for the prayers of the faithful for all the individuals involved in this case and especially for the overwhelming majority of our priests, religious and laity throughout the Diocese whose zeal and holiness do so much to build up the body of Christ in central Illinois.

**No further comment will be issued regarding this matter.**

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