



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

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TO: Priests  
FROM: Most Reverend [REDACTED]  
RE: Allegation of Sexual Misconduct

It is my sad duty to apprise you of a serious allegation which has occurred in our Diocese and which may appear in the mass media or arise through inquiries from parishioners.

The following statement pertains to an allegation of sexual misconduct made against Father [REDACTED], St. Frances of Rome, Lake Elsinore. This statement will be read at all Masses this Sunday, April 18th, at St. Frances of Rome parish. Please note that this statement is only for the people at St. Frances of Rome. It is not to be read at each individual parish.

The statement is as follows:

St. Frances of Rome: "An allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor has been made against Father [REDACTED]. This allegation pertains to conduct which purportedly transpired six years ago. Without in any way admitting the validity of this charge, Father [REDACTED] has submitted his resignation as pastor of St. Frances of Rome. Following diocesan guidelines, Father [REDACTED] has been placed on administrative leave pending further review.

This individual situation causes pain and anguish for the presbyterate and parish community. We need to pray and affirm each other as we try to minister faithfully to God's people in our parishes and Diocese."

I ask you to refer any media inquiries to Father [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], FAX [REDACTED].

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