

**STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON  
CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE OF A CHILD**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston has been named in a civil lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court that alleges abuse of a minor child. The tragic allegations involve a priest from outside the Archdiocese of Boston [during the period of his temporary assignment in Boston.]

Since this matter is in litigation and on advice of counsel we cannot comment further on the case at this time. This is necessary to protect the rights of all parties.

The Archdiocese of Boston is very concerned and deeply saddened by these allegations and wants to extend its pastoral support to all involved at this difficult time.