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PRESS RELEASE

J. Michael Hornick, formerly a priest of the Archdiocese of Anchorage, has been laicized after a canonical process was conducted at the direction of the Vatican. Hornick has now lost his rights and obligations of a cleric for the Roman Catholic Church.

The canonical process was initiated after several adult women made allegations that he sexually abused them. Two women were minors at the time of the abuse and law enforcement was immediately contacted once the Archdiocese was made aware. All together, the Archdiocese is aware of seven women who have made complaints about him.

Hornick's main assignments as a priest were at the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Anchorage for about 25 years and a short pastorate at St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church in Anchorage, which ended in October, 2009.

If there are any other persons who have been harmed by Hornick or any clergy, employees or volunteers of the Church, please contact your local law enforcement, the Archdiocese office of Safe Environment at 297-7736 and/or the Archdiocese Victim's Assistance Coordinator at 297-7786.

The Archdiocese of Anchorage is committed to the safety and well-being of all its members. We pray that this action from the Vatican under the direction of Pope Francis will assist in the healing of those harmed by Hornick.

Any further comments about this situation should be directed to my Judicial Vicar, Fr. Thomas T. Brundage, 694-2170, tbrundage@caa-ak.org.

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