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Priest pleads guilty

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (UPI) — A Roman Catholic priest accused of sexually assaulting an altar boy and his sister pleaded guilty to the charges and could be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Luzerne County Common Pleas Judge Bernard Podcasy delayed sentencing for the Rev. Sebastian Vadakekottaram, 43, pending an investigation.

Vadakekottaram, a native of India visiting the United States on a student visa, pleaded guilty Tuesday to four counts each of indecent assault and corrupting the morals of minors, a court spokesman said. He appeared in court dressed in layman's clothes and without his clerical collar.