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NOTICE OF PRIEST PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Father Stephen Muth, a priest of the Eparchy of Parma, has been placed on administrative leave in response to a recent credible accusation of sexual misconduct involving a vulnerable adult (considered a minor under canon law). Though Father Stephen Muth denies the accusation, Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, having heard from the priest, the Review Board, and the Promotor of Justice, has found the accusation to be credible. A finding that the accusation is credible is not a finding of guilt. Father Stephen Muth has been placed on administrative leave. While on administrative leave, Father Stephen Muth is unable to function in any capacity as a priest anywhere.

Father Stephen Muth previously served at: Monk on Mount Athos, Greece; Ukrainian Eparchy of Toronto, Canada; Diocese of Wichita; Ukrainian Eparchy of Chicago; St. Nicholas, Barberton, Ohio; St. Luke, Kansas City, Missouri; St. Mary, Whiting, Indiana.

The Eparchy of Parma is committed to protecting children and helping to heal victims of abuse. We are deeply sorry for the pain suffered by survivors of abuse due to actions of some members of the clergy.

Any person with information or those just seeking help can reach our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Sharon Petrus, at (330) 958-9630.

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