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Dear St. Joseph Parish family,

I write to inform you that the archdiocese has received allegations of sexual abuse of minors against Deacon Rajan Fernando who serves in your parish. In keeping with archdiocesan policy, I have removed Deacon Fernando's faculties to minister while the allegations are investigated. In addition, the allegations have been reported to civil authorities and the person bringing the allegations has been offered the services of the Archdiocese Office of Victim Assistance.

I know that this is difficult news, but the welfare of our parishioners is of critical importance to me. The Archdiocese of Chicago takes seriously the obligation to ensure the fitness for ministry of all who serve the People of God. We encourage anyone who feels they have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee to come forward. You will be received with compassion and respect. Complete information about reporting sexual abuse can be found on the Archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org.

I will inform you of any new developments and am grateful for your understanding. Please know the people of St. Joseph Parish are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cardinal Cupic".

Archbishop of Chicago