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St. Francis of Assisi Parish
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Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family,

I write to share some difficult news about Reverend Jose Molina, IVE, who has served as temporary minister at your parish since August 2025. We have received allegations that Father Molina engaged in improper and inappropriate conversations and communications with minors and adult women. In keeping with our protection policies, I have removed his faculties to minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As Father Molina is a priest of the Institute of the Incarnate Word (IVE) religious order, he has returned to the provincial house of that order which is responsible for his ministry in the Church. We are cooperating in their investigation.

Moreover, as is required by our child protection policies, we have reported the allegations to civil authorities and the persons who made the allegations have been offered the services of the archdiocese's Office of Assistance Ministry.

I want to stress that the welfare of our parishioners, and especially the children entrusted to our care, is our paramount concern. The Archdiocese of Chicago takes all allegations of misconduct seriously. We appreciate the courage it takes to step forward and encourage others who believe they have experienced abuse or inappropriate behavior by a member of the clergy, religious or lay employee of the Archdiocese to report it to the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. They will be received with compassion and respect. Complete information about reporting sexual abuse can be found on the Archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org.

In the meantime, as we await the outcome of the investigation, know that you are in my prayers. We appreciate your patience and will do our best to keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cardinal Cyprien".
Archbishop of Chicago