Regarding Fr. Ralph Quane…

On May 29th, 2002, Fr. Ralph Quane, 57, was placed on an administrative leave of absence and restricted from any public ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Fr. Quane was already serving on a restricted basis in the archdiocese, following a credible allegation of sexual misconduct with minors brought forward in 2000 and dating back to the earlier years of his ministry. However, as a result of an internal review this past spring by the archdiocese of cases processed under its sexual misconduct policy, along with information shared with civil authorities reviewing these very same cases, it became clear that it would be wise to further restrict Fr. Quane's service as priest. Fr. Quane has cooperated fully in this process.

At times over the past year, following evaluations by medical examiners, Fr. Quane was permitted by the archdiocese to serve as a part-time chaplain in a hospital. His name was also on a list of priests available to substitute in parishes on an as-needed basis.

Fr. Quane's situation continues to be reviewed to determine what degree the provisions of the Dallas Charter apply. He has been prohibited the exercise of all public ministry and has been directed not to wear clerical garb or to present himself publicly as a priest.

Biographical

1978 Ordained

1978 Associate Pastor, St. Alphonsus, Dearborn
1981 Associate Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harper Woods
1984 Associate Pastor, St. Mark, Warren
1985 Temporary Administrator, St. Patrick, Wyandotte
1986 Associate Pastor, St. Kieran, Utica
1987 Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi, New Haven
1991 Pastor, St. Raymond, Detroit
1995 Associate Pastor, Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak
1997 Pastor, St. Ronald, Clinton Township
2000 Temporary Leave of Absence
2001 Restricted Ministry: Part-time chaplain at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit
2002 Administrative Leave of Absence

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