

Archdiocese of Detroit

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Regarding Fr. Brian Bjorklund...

Effective Monday, June 30th, Fr. Brian Bjorklund (pronounced *bee-YORK-lund*), 63, a U.S. Navy chaplain stationed in Lemoore, California, has been placed on administrative leave and restricted from any public ministry. During this past week, the people to whom Fr. Bjorklund ministers in Lemoore were notified of his current status.

The Archdiocesan Review Board has deemed substantive a single allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor involving Fr. Bjorklund dating back to the early years of his ministry in the Detroit archdiocese. Earlier this year, the information involving Fr. Bjorklund was shared with civil authorities, who chose, because of the passage of time, not to investigate the allegation further. Subsequently, the Archdiocesan Review Board commissioned an investigation that found the complaint to be of sufficient substance to require the placement of a temporary restriction on Fr. Bjorklund's service as a priest. Fr. Bjorklund has cooperated fully in this process.

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*****A picture of Fr. Brian Bjorklund, as well as a copy of this news advisory, is available on the Internet at homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath and at www.aodonline.org, select *News & Publications*.**

Biographical Information:

Ordained 1966

- 1966 Associate Pastor, St. Alfred Parish, Taylor
- 1969 Associate Pastor, St. Linus Parish, Dearborn Heights
- 1971 Associate Pastor, St. Andrew Parish, Rochester
- 1974 Campus Ministry, Oakland University, Rochester
- 1983 Three-month leave for theological studies at Fordham University, New York
- 1984 Pastor, St. Timothy Parish, Trenton
- 1988 Released to be a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy
 - 1988 Chaplain, Charleston, South Carolina
 - 1989 Chaplain, Nas, Guam
 - 1995 Chaplain, Kaneoke Bay, Hawaii
 - 1996 Chaplain, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
 - 2000 Chaplain, Lemoore, California

Leave of Absence 2003