



MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2016

TO : Priests, diocesan and Religious, Permanent Deacons, Parish Life Directors, Seminarians, Religious Communities, Parish Secretaries

FROM : Most Reverend Albert LeGatt
Archbishop of Saint Boniface

SUBJECT: **Allegations brought forward against Fr. Fred Olds**

Dear friends,

Certain allegations have been brought forward against Father Fred Olds, pastor of St. Timothy Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Boniface. These allegations do not involve minors.

As a result of these allegations, the Archdiocese engaged a third party, a certified psychologist, for a preliminary enquiry. We have not yet conclusively determined what has taken place. At this point, the investigation remains ongoing. Fr. Fred Olds is presumed innocent until proven otherwise. We continue to search for the whole truth in the matter of these allegations.

However, in accordance with Canon law and diocesan protocol, Fr. Fred Olds has been:

1. Removed from the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults;
2. Temporarily placed on administrative leave from his office of Pastor of St. Timothy;
3. Temporarily restricted in his faculties such that he is not to exercise public ministry in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface. He may, however, continue to celebrate the Eucharist privately within his own home.

These actions have been taken, pending review and direction by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Holy See as to the appropriate final course of action. The Archdiocese is committed to taking all necessary steps to address things in a fair and appropriate manner.

We ask that if anybody has any information at all that may be relevant, to please contact the office of Archbishop Albert LeGatt.

In any situation where individuals may have endured suffering, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface stands in solidarity with them and wishes to be an instrument of reconciliation and healing for all.

For all questions concerning help for those who have been affected, please contact directly Marjolaine Pelletier, President of the Diocesan Victims' Care Committee at the following email address: bonheur100@hotmail.com

Also, if any of the media contacts you, I ask you to refer them immediately to Fr. Phil Daley, sole spokesperson of our Archdiocese, at the following number:

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United in prayer,



+Albert LeGatt

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