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Administrative Leave of Fr. Fred Old, pastor of St. Timothy in the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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 for a preliminary enquiry, but has not yet conclusively determined what has taken place. At this point, this remains an ongoing investigation. Fr. Fred Olds is presumed innocent until proven otherwise. We continue the 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.

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.

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