



MEDIA RELEASE – ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

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Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Miehm has removed the priestly faculties of Fr. Sylvio Lacar, a retired priest who is incardinated in the Diocese of Peterborough and currently resides in Edmonton.

Fr. Sylvio Lacar served in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the early 1980s and is named on the Archdiocese's list of credibly accused priests. The allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton recently learned of this allegation and Most Rev. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton has removed Fr. Lacar from all public priestly ministry.

Upon being informed of this allegation against Fr. Lacar, Bishop Miehm removed Fr. Lacar's priestly faculties and has directed that the matter be reviewed according to the Diocesan *Policy on Priestly Misconduct and Abuse*. An allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is extremely serious.

In 1986, Fr. Sylvio Lacar arrived in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough after serving for less than one year in parish and prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Fr. Lacar provided the Diocese of Peterborough with Letters of Good Standing and a letter of recommendation from the Bishop of the Diocese of Laoag, Philippines, who was Fr. Lacar's bishop at the time. The Diocese of Peterborough was never made aware of the allegation against Fr. Lacar. Fr. Lacar was incardinated as a priest in the Diocese of Peterborough on March 26, 1999.

Fr. Lacar served as a prison chaplain in the Diocese of Peterborough and later, the Archdiocese of Kingston. In 2014, Fr. Lacar returned to the Edmonton area to reside closer to his family.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough is committed to responding to reports of abuse by any of its clergy, staff or lay volunteers in full co-operation with child protection and/or police. To report an incident of abuse, please refer to the website link through the Policy Statement. [Policy Statement](#)

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