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**STATEMENT REGARDING FR. NEIL PEREIRA,
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**

DATE: July 26, 2023

The Peterborough Police Services charged Father Neil Pereira today with sexual interference and sexual assault of a minor.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough received an allegation in June of sexual and professional misconduct involving Fr. Neil Pereira. The allegation was immediately reported to the Children's Aid Society and the Peterborough Police Services.

Fr. Pereira was removed from pastoral ministry upon receipt of the allegation.

Fr. Pereira is a priest from the Archdiocese of Toronto on loan for campus ministry in the Diocese of Peterborough. The officials of the Archdiocese of Toronto have been kept informed by the Diocese of Peterborough throughout this process, including the laying of criminal charges today.

All allegations of abuse and/or misconduct are addressed seriously and thoroughly in accordance with the Diocesan policy.

Please pray for all those who are impacted by this difficult situation.