

Announcement

Recently, the archdiocese received a response from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome regarding three distinct allegations of sexual abuse of a minor made against Father John Wisner.

The alleged incidents date back to the 1980s, but were first reported to the archdiocese in May 2012. Last December, based upon the findings of the investigation into the allegations and the recommendation issued by the Independent Review Board, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann referred the matter to the congregation for review as prescribed by church law.

The congregation, deciding not at this time to waive the statute of limitations prescribed in canon law, advised the archbishop of his authority to determine an administrative remedy.

The archbishop has decided to leave in place the restrictions placed on Father Wisner in May 2012. Father Wisner is restricted from any public exercise of his priestly ministry and will hold no pastoral appointment or office in the archdiocese.