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DATE: April 22, 2013
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RE: Two Priests Temporarily Removed From Ministry

From Bishop Amos:

The Diocese of Davenport has received a report which states that Father Robert Harness, Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church in Davenport, inappropriately touched a minor in approximately 1990. The Diocese has reported this to the Scott County Attorney in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Diocese and the County Attorney.

Father Harness has been temporarily removed from ministry while this matter is being thoroughly investigated. The Diocese will meet with the leadership of the parish to assess its immediate needs and other issues of healing that may arise.

In an unrelated report, the Diocese of Davenport has received a report which states that Father John Stack, Chaplain at Mercy Medical Clinton in Clinton, inappropriately touched minors in approximately the 1980s. The Diocese has reported this to the Scott County Attorney in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Diocese and the County Attorney.

Father Stack has been temporarily removed from ministry while this matter is being thoroughly investigated.

The list of assignments for both priests is attached.

We apologize, again, for all those who have been abused and continue to pray for them.

To report child sexual abuse

Contact the Iowa Department of Human Services

Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178

If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify

Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator: 563-349-5002

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Fr. Harness

06/25/1982 - 07/31/1982 Clinton: St. Mary - Assistant
07/31/1982 - 10/16/1984 Dewitt: St. Joseph - Associate
07/31/1982 - 10/16/1984 Welton: St Anne - Associate
10/16/1984 - 07/01/1992 Harper: St. Elizabeth - Pastor
10/16/1984 - 07/01/1992 Clear Creek: Sts. Peter and Paul - Pastor
07/11/1988 - 09/22/1988 Keota: St. Mary - Administrator
09/22/1988 - 07/01/1992 Keota: St. Mary - Pastor
07/01/1992 - 07/07/1994 Keota: Holy Trinity (Keota, Clear Creek, Harper) - Pastor
07/07/1994 - 07/01/2009 Dewitt: St. Joseph - Pastor
07/01/1996 - 07/30/1998 Grand Mound: Ss. Philip and James - Pastor
05/31/1997 - 07/08/1997 Sugar Creek: Ss. Mary and Joseph - Administrator
03/08/1999 - 07/06/1999 Grand Mound: Ss. Philip and James - Administrator
07/06/1999 - 10/30/2006 Grand Mound: Ss. Philip and James - Pastor
03/03/2003 - 07/01/2003 Lost Nation: Sacred Heart - Administrator
03/03/2003 - 07/01/2003 Oxford Junction: Sacred Heart - Administrator
03/03/2003 - 07/01/2003 Toronto: St. James - Administrator
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Lost Nation: Sacred Heart - Administrator
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Toronto: St. James - Administrator
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Oxford Junction: Sacred Heart - Administrator
10/17/2005 - 06/30/2006 Charlotte: Assumption and St. Patrick Church - Canonical Pastor
10/17/2005 - 06/30/2006 Sugar Creek: Ss. Mary and Joseph - Canonical Pastor
06/30/2006 - 06/30/2009 Charlotte: Assumption and St. Patrick Church - Canonical Pastor
07/01/2009 Davenport: Holy Family - Pastor

Fr. Stack

06/01/1988 - 07/02/1990 Davenport: Holy Family - Parochial Vicar
07/02/1990 - 05/13/1992 Keokuk: All Saints - Parochial Vicar
05/13/1992 - 06/14/1993 East Pleasant Plain: St. Joseph - Pastor
05/13/1992 - 06/14/1993 Richland: St. Francis Xavier - Pastor
06/01/1994 - Clinton: Samaritan Health Systems - Chaplain
05/01/1996 - 04/01/1997 Clinton: The Alverno - Chaplain
10/07/1996 - 07/01/2000 Camanche: Church of the Visitation - Administrator
08/15/2000 - 06/30/2004 Clinton: Sisters of St. Francis - Chaplain
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Lost Nation: Sacred Heart - Sacramental Minister
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Toronto: St. James - Sacramental Minister
01/30/2004 - 07/01/2004 Oxford Junction: Sacred Heart - Sacramental Minister
07/01/2004 - 10/17/2005 Sugar Creek: Ss. Mary and Joseph - Administrator
07/01/2004 - 10/17/2005 Charlotte: Assumption and St. Patrick Church - Administrator
10/17/2005 - 06/30/2006 Dewitt: St. Joseph - Sacramental Minister
10/17/2005 - 06/30/2006 Grand Mound: Ss. Philip & James - Sacramental Minister

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