



# DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT

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**RE:** Rev. John Stack

In 2013, the Diocese of Davenport received a report which stated that Father John Stack, Chaplain at Mercy Medical Center in Clinton, inappropriately touched minors in approximately the 1980s. The Diocese reported this to the Scott County Attorney in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Diocese and the County Attorney. Father Stack was removed from ministry while this matter was investigated.

As a result of the investigation and with the recommendation of the Diocesan Review Board, Bishop Martin Amos petitioned the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, requesting the case be brought to trial. The trial process could result in one of three judgements: innocent, guilty or that the accusations of sexual abuse of minors were not proven. The three judges, all from outside of the Diocese of Davenport, found that the accusations of sexual abuse of minors by Father Stack were not proven. There was not a finding of innocence or guilt. In order to assure the rights of all, the decision was appealed for further review. The Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith concurred with the finding of the judges.

After receiving the conclusion from the Vatican, Bishop Amos will assign Father Stack to priestly ministry and service to the Diocese.

### **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 PO Box 232 Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004 [vacdav@diodav.org](mailto:vacdav@diodav.org)

We apologize for all those who have been abused and continue to pray for them. Information regarding this process can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/upload/FAQs-canonical-process-sexual-abuse.pdf>.

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