



November 20, 2020

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church  
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

My dear and faithful people,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that effective November 20, 2020, I have removed Fr. Praveen Lakkiseti as your parish administrator.

The Archdiocese of San Antonio received allegations on October 13, 2020 of serious financial misconduct on his part, alleging that he has abused his position as a priest to coercively secure significant personal gifts.

I am working with the Priest Personnel Board to identify a Pastor to provide pastoral care for your parish, and expect to make an appointment in July 2021. In the interim, I have appointed Fr. Martin Leopold to serve as parish administrator. In addition to his ministry as pastor of Mary Mother of the Church Parish, he will assist your parish and ensure that you have the pastoral and sacramental support that you need during these months.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the courage of the persons who bravely came forward with this information and helped our Church and your parish by sharing their personal and painful experiences.

The archdiocese takes seriously all allegations brought forward. The safety and wellbeing of the people in our community are very important. Any violation of our Code of Conduct can be reported through our third party Archdiocesan Misconduct Hotline at (844) 709-1169.

Please also keep Fr. Praveen in your prayers as I work with him to navigate a path of restitution and reform.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.  
Archbishop of San Antonio