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Diocese of Kalamazoo Statement in regards to Diocese of Lansing Priest Rev. Robert Gerl

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (October 11, 2018): The Diocese of Kalamazoo released the following statement in regards to Rev. Robert Gerl, an incardinated priest for the Diocese of Lansing who had previously served in the Diocese of Kalamazoo:

“On October 5, 2018, the Diocese of Lansing announced that they had officially removed priestly faculties for Rev. Robert Gerl, an incardinated priest for the Diocese of Lansing, due to a credible allegation of sexual assault of an adult male which occurred decades ago. Fr. Gerl served in pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo at Nazareth College (1986-1991), St. Thomas More Parish, Kalamazoo (1997-2000) and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage, (2000-2009). Additionally he regularly celebrated Masses at a number of other parishes during this time on a temporary weekend basis. Fr. Gerl does not have faculties for pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

“If you, or anyone you know, has been harmed by Fr. Gerl or anyone representing the Church, contact appropriate law enforcement. You may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Deacon Pat Hall, 877-802-0115.”