

In the past few weeks a difficult issue arose at Christ the King Parish involving Father George Alengadan which has caused great concern for many parishioners. You may have seen articles in various news outlets.

For current details about this topic, please refer to the CTK website. You'll find a letter from Bishop Barber last July to St. Joseph of Notre Dame Parish in Alameda where Fr. George served as pastor. You'll also find a letter from Stephen Wilcox, Diocesan Chancellor on February 3 of this year to CTK Parish/School, and St. Joseph. And third, you'll find a report from the joint meeting at the Diocese on Feb 10 with the CTK Parish Council, CTK School Advisory Council, Bishop Barber, Chancellor Wilcox, CTK School Principal Joe Silveira, and Fr. Paulson.

Several important points to take from these documents:

1. Fr. George was placed on administrative leave as Pastor from St. Joseph's Basilica Parish in July last year.
2. Fr. George was a priest in good standing through our meeting Feb 10.
3. Fr. George was residing in various locations, mostly friend's homes until November. Bishop Barber then asked for parishes to house Fr. George during his administrative leave and Fr. Paulson agreed to house Fr. George. Fr. George arrived sometime in November. The Diocese did not share the details or nature of the investigation with Fr. Paulson, other than Fr. George remained a priest in good standing.
4. CTK leadership became aware of the issue in late January based on calls from concerned school parents and immediately reached out to the Diocese for information. News media reports followed with conflicting information on the nature of the St. Joseph's investigation and Fr. George's status. All of this resulted in the meeting with the Bishop on Feb 10, documented on our website.
5. Bishop Barber reported on Feb 10 that Fr. George is no longer at CTK or St Stephen or assigned to any parish in any capacity, nor will he be at any time in the near future.

At the meeting on February 10 attendees were told that the nature of these investigations was about adult behavior, not involving children. Regardless, the Bishop, the Parish Council, the School Advisory Council, and Fr. Paulson remained focused on truth, transparency, and providing a safe environment for all of our CTK and St. Stephen parish family; especially our staff, our volunteers, our school children, and all of our children in our various ministries.

New media reports have surfaced regarding allegations against Fr. George dating back to 2002. Bishop Barber has removed Fr. George's faculties (i.e., his ability to publicly appear as a priest or perform public ministry) and instructed his staff to conduct a new investigation.

Again, please review the three documents on our website. The Parish Council, the School Advisory Council, and Fr. Paulson have no more VERIFIED AND VETTED information than is contained in those documents, for what seems to be an evolving situation, which appears, at this time, to NOT involve CTK nor St. Stephen.

Stephen Wilcox, Chancellor of the Oakland Diocese, will address the parish on Wednesday night this week, February 19, at 7:00 pm, in the church. All are welcome.