



Office of the Vicar General
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs

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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Bishop Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. of the Diocese of Allentown, PA informed Bishop John Noonan that an accusation of sexual abuse of a minor, that has at least the semblance of truth, was brought forward against Reverend David C. Gillis late last week. Information about the allegation was provided to District Attorney Adams of Berks County, PA for investigation. Bishop Schlert advised Bishop Noonan that he has removed the priestly faculties of Father David C. Gillis.

In accord with the Diocese of Orlando Safe Environment Policy, Bishop Noonan also removed the priestly faculties of Father David C. Gillis pending the outcome of the investigation by civil authorities. The Orlando Diocesan Review Board was apprised of this information.

Father David C. Gillis recently served as parochial administrator of Church of Our Savior, Cocoa Beach, prior to his removal from ministry. He arrived in the Diocese of Orlando in 2005 and has served in the following parishes:

- 2005: Parochial Vicar of Resurrection Parish, Lakeland and as chaplain of Santa Fe Catholic High School, Lakeland
- 2008: Parochial Vicar of St. Ann Parish, DeBary and as chaplain of Father Lopez Catholic High School, Daytona Beach
- 2012: Parochial Administrator of St. Faustina Parish, Clermont
- 2018: Pastor of Church of Our Savior, Cocoa Beach

The safety and well-being of our vulnerable populations are very important to us. The Diocese of Orlando Safe Environment Policy reflects vital measures to safeguard the children of God. We pray for all victims and their families and for those involved in this situation.

Sincerely,

Very Reverend John Giel, V.G.
Chancellor for Canonical Affairs