



## Diocese of Toledo

### Parish Bulletin Insert Father Nelson Beaver Placed on Administrative Leave

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas has placed Father Nelson Beaver, a priest of the Diocese of Toledo, on administrative leave effective October 12, 2018. This action was taken as the result of a recently made allegation of sexual abuse of a minor dating back over 25 years ago. This allegation was not made in relation to his most recent assignment as pastor of Resurrection Parish, Lexington and St. Mary of the Snows Parish, Mansfield. He is no longer residing at the parishes while on administrative leave.

Father Beaver has denied the allegation and this is the only such accusation against him which the Diocese has received.

In accord with diocesan policy, the allegation has been reported to civil authorities. The diocese has extended an offer of pastoral care to the individual reporting the allegation and to Father Beaver.

In accordance with the Policy for the Protection of Minors and Young People, while on administrative leave, Father Beaver cannot exercise public priestly ministry, administer any of the Sacraments, wear clerical attire or present himself as a priest. Administrative leave is a precautionary measure while an allegation is being investigated. It should be noted that this is not a final determination of guilt. If law enforcement chooses not to pursue the case, in accord with diocesan policy, the allegation will be independently investigated and presented to the Review Board.

Because Father Beaver at one time was assigned to your parish for priestly ministry, it was important to provide and share this information with your parish community.

As a diocesan community, we continue to pray for all involved: the individual who brought the allegation, Father Beaver, all members of Resurrection and St. Mary of the Snows Parishes, as well as sexual abuse victims and their families.

Any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, staff member or volunteer affiliated with the Diocese of Toledo should first be reported to local law enforcement where the abuse is alleged to have occurred. Please also report any such allegation to the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 419-214-4880.