

Announcement

Father John H. Wisner has been returned to the lay state (laicized) by a decree issued by Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann on Dec. 21, 2017, and affirmed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on March 2.

Multiple allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Wisner were received by the archdiocese beginning in May 2012, which resulted in his immediate suspension from active priestly ministry and immediate notification of local law enforcement. Results of an investigation by the archdiocese were reviewed by the Independent Review Board, which found the allegations to be credible.

The archdiocese asks anyone who has knowledge of inappropriate conduct by any church employee, volunteer, clergy or religious to please contact the Confidential Report Line at (913) 647-3051 to reach archdiocesan report investigator Jan Saylor; go to archkck.org/reportabuse to report online; or call law enforcement directly.