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Letter from Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, on the Status of Father David Ryan

Sept. 16, 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

Last week, I informed you that our Independent Review Board (IRB) had found there was insufficient reason to suspect Father David Ryan had committed sexual abuse of a minor and that I was reinstating him as your pastor, effective immediately.

However, since then, additional information, not previously provided to the Archdiocese or the IRB, has surfaced and that will mean delaying Father Ryan's return to the parish while it is thoroughly investigated. Father Ryan has assured us that he will cooperate fully as he understands that we must take every allegation seriously in accordance with our child protection policies.

I share your disappointment at this news, especially as I know plans were being made to welcome Father Ryan back this weekend. But, I ask your patience once again as we fulfill our obligation to keep the children entrusted to us safe and proceed in a way that serves the cause of justice for all concerned. Please continue to pray for everyone involved in this matter and know that I am praying for you. We will share new information as it becomes available.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

Tweets by
Cardinal Cupich

Response to the
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