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**Diocesan Statement Regarding Monsignor Mark Pierce**

The Diocese of La Crosse recently received an allegation accusing Monsignor Mark Pierce of sexual misconduct with a minor. While the misconduct occurred several decades ago, our procedures remain clear. We immediately notified Monsignor Pierce of the accusation, placed him on a leave of absence, and relieved him from ministerial duties.

We will address these allegations promptly and compassionately, consistent with our [published policies and procedures](#).

I am incredibly saddened, and my thoughts are first with the victim/survivor. Processes and actions designed to comfort and assure this person guide us now. Please join me as I pray for the victim/survivor, the affected parishioners, and all the clergy across our Diocese who tend to their faithful with fidelity and compassion.

May the Lord continue to bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan

Bishop of La Crosse