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Dear Holy Family Parish Family,

I write to share news about Reverend Denis Manuel Carneiro, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Bhopal, India who was a resident at your parish from June 1999 to July 2002. The Archdiocese has received an allegation against Father Carneiro of sexual abuse of a minor that is alleged to have occurred approximately 60 years ago in India.

In keeping with our child protection policies, I have withdrawn Father Carneiro's faculties to minister and directed him to live away from parish premises. While he strenuously denies the allegation, he has complied with this direction. We have notified the Archdiocese of Bhopal which is responsible for conducting the investigation into the allegation.

Moreover, as is required by our child protection policies, we have reached out to the person making the allegation and reported the allegation to civil authorities.

I want to stress that the welfare of the children entrusted to our care is our paramount concern. The Archdiocese of Chicago takes all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and encourages anyone who feels they have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee to come forward. They will be received with dignity and compassion. Complete information about reporting sexual abuse can be found on the archdiocesan website at www.archchicago.org.

In the meantime, as we await the outcome of the investigation, know that you are in my prayers. We appreciate your patience and will do our best to keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago