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Crosier priest removed from public ministry

(Phoenix, Arizona) — A member of the U.S. Crosier Province of St. Odilia, Steven Henrich, osc, notified his national superior of a single incident of inappropriate touch of a minor. The occurrence took place in the late 1970's, nearly 40 years ago in Madison, Minnesota. The Crosiers have not been aware of any other incidents or received any reports involving Fr. Henrich.

He has served as the Order's general ecomene in Rome since 2010. Upon notification of the incident, Crosier Prior Provincial Thomas Enneking, osc, immediately removed Henrich from public ministry as the contact that Henrich described was an act of sexual abuse of a minor. The Crosiers do not tolerate sexual abuse of any kind and have a strict reporting policy in place. The province is notifying appropriate officials.

Fr. Enneking conveyed deep sorrow for the victim and reiterated that the Crosier Order will do all that it can to protect anyone from sexual abuse and assist victims in their healing. Anyone aware of sexual abuse by a Crosier is asked to contact the Crosiers' Victim Assistance Coordinator at 320-248-1563.

About the Crosiers:

The Crosiers, officially known as the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross, are a worldwide religious order of consecrated men whose mission is to touch suffering with hope. For more than 800 years, the priests and brothers have lived a life of community, prayer and service under the Rule of St. Augustine. The Crosier Fathers and Brothers spend their lives in service and provide spiritual support to communities where they are needed most. Having taken a vow of poverty, they are devoted to serving others in need. Members are involved in a wide range of ministries serving the Church and those in need, including parish assistance, retreat work, spiritual direction, elder care, veterans, immigrant services and jail ministry. The Crosiers have two large, vibrant communities in the United States—one in Phoenix, Arizona, and the other in Onamia, Minnesota. There are more than 350 Crosiers today worldwide serving in the United States, Europe, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Brazil and Rome.

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