



DIOCESE OF COLORADO SPRINGS

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COLORADO SPRINGS. On January 4, 2012, the Diocese of Colorado Springs received an allegation concerning possible sexual abuse of a minor by Fr. Robert Manning, a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who was serving as the Pastor of St. Gabriel Church in Colorado Springs. The Diocese takes an allegation like this extremely seriously and immediately reported the matter to the Colorado Springs Police Department.

The Diocese of Colorado Springs promptly placed Fr. Manning on administrative leave, and the Archdiocese of St. Louis has temporarily suspended his faculties as a priest. The Diocese is fully cooperating with both law enforcement and the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and is complying with all of its obligations under the Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Church is also conducting an internal investigation in accordance with the norms of canon law.

Anyone with concerns or complaints regarding Fr. Manning or any minister of the Catholic Church should contact the Diocesan Office of Mission Effectiveness at (719) 636-2345 and ask to speak to either Ed Gaffney or Terri Sortor. Mr. Gaffney may also be reached at (719) 651-7742 and Ms. Sortor may be reached at (719) 660-6073.

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