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Archdiocese receives allegation of abuse by Benedictine priest

(Seattle) The Archdiocese of Seattle has been informed through an attorney of an alleged sexual abuse of a minor by Benedictine Father Edward Receconi, OSB occurring while he served at Sacred Heart Parish, Lacey in the mid-1980s.

Father Edward's superior at St. Martin's Abbey has been notified of the allegation. As a precautionary measure, Father Edward's faculties have been withdrawn and he may not perform public ministry in the Archdiocese of Seattle while the allegation is under investigation.

Father Edward, 62, attended St. Martin's College and was ordained as a Benedictine priest in 1979. In addition to Sacred Heart, where he served from 1984 to 1986, Father Edward's assignments in the Archdiocese of Seattle include St. Edward Parish, Shelton from 1987 to 1993 and Holy Rosary Parish, Tacoma 1995 to 1996.

Anyone who has knowledge of sexual abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Seattle is urged to call the archdiocesan hotline at 1-800-446-7762.

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