

STATEMENT



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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of Calgary

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SUBJECT A Sexual Assault and Exploitation Charge against Fr. John Gannon, LC

The Diocese of Calgary has been informed that **Fr. John Gannon, LC**, a Legionary of Christ priest currently serving as the Pastor of Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been charged with sexual assault and sexual exploitation in response to a historic allegation.

While investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is underway, Bishop William McGrattan has placed Fr. Gannon on an administrative leave and has prohibited him from exercising priestly ministry in the Diocese.

The Legionaries of Christ have issued a statement about the arrest, click on this link <https://legionariesofchrist.org/the-legionaries-of-christ-inform-the-public-about-an-arrest/> to access their statement.

As this is a legal matter before the courts, no further details will be disclosed.