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MEDIA ADVISORY

Diocesan Priest Placed on Leave

(ALTOONA, PA) – The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, has placed Father Donald W. Dusza, Pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria, on leave from public ministry. The action follows an accusation of sexual misconduct involving a young person. The alleged incident dates back to the 1980s.

Father Dusza, 63, was ordained a priest in 1983. A native of Twin Rocks, he has served at various parishes throughout the diocese. He was appointed Pastor of Prince of Peace in 2017. While he is on leave, Father Dusza is not permitted to function publicly as a priest.

An administrator will be named for Prince of Peace, and weekend Masses at the parish will continue as scheduled.

Anyone with information about child sexual abuse is urged to report it to civil authorities.