



OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

June 23, 2018

Dear families of Guardian Angels Parish and Bishop Foley Catholic High School,

These have been painful days for the communities of Guardian Angels Parish and Bishop Foley High School, Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf, and all of us who care for him. Thank you for your prayers during this uncertain time. With this letter, I hope to provide you with an update as well as clear up misinformation circulating among some individuals regarding recent events in the community.

In recent months, people who know and love Fr. Gerry have been trying to help him address some personal matters. These personal matters are not criminal in nature, and the archdiocese has continued to offer Fr. Gerry assistance to address these concerns. Out of respect for Fr. Gerry's privacy, we cannot share more details. Fr. Gerry might choose to share more details with you at some point in the future.

An unrelated Madison Heights police investigation surfaced as this process of helping Fr. Gerry unfolded, further compounding the suffering and confusion felt by Fr. Gerry and the community. As I explained in a previous letter, the police investigation concluded with no criminal charges. We remain most grateful for this resolution.

After that resolution, however, Fr. Gerry has remained out of ministry because his pre-existing personal matters have required more urgent, focused attention and care. Our hope had been to assist Fr. Gerry on a pathway to continue as your pastor. However, Fr. Gerry has not followed that pathway, knowing that his decisions mean that he must remain out of ministry. Please be assured that we will continue to reach out to and support Fr. Gerry. Please keep him in your prayers.

Due to his schedule, Msgr. Timothy Hogan will cease his service as temporary administrator of Guardian Angels on July 13. Going forward, I am grateful that Fr. Anthony Richter has agreed to assume the role of temporary administrator, in addition to his responsibilities as pastor of Christ the Good Shepherd in Lincoln Park. He is aware of this community's pain and is ready to prayerfully accompany you toward healing. In the meantime, Superintendent Kevin Kijewski, who has a wealth of experience with Catholic schools, will remain the interim president of Bishop Foley. Please join me in thanking Msgr. Hogan and Kevin Kijewski for their service at Guardian Angels and Bishop Foley. Their time, support, and prayers have been invaluable during this difficult time.

Change is never easy, especially under such difficult circumstances. Please join me in praying the Holy Spirit will embrace the community with His love, strength, and healing touch. Know also that you remain in my prayers each day.

En Cristo y María,

The Most Reverend Arturo Cepeda
Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

12 State Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226-1823 | 313-237-5800 | aod.org