



April 16, 2018

Dear Saint Joseph Parishioners,

The information below was announced at all Masses this weekend and emailed to Saint Joseph Parish School and PREP families today. It is being provided to you in letter form to ensure that all parishioners receive the update. The full text of the update is in italics and quotation marks.

*“I understand and acknowledge that there has been anxiety in our parish regarding Monsignor McLoone and his status. As many of you have asked, please allow me to clarify that priest personnel matters are handled centrally by the Archdiocese and not by the local parish.*

*In late February, you learned that Monsignor McLoone had taken an indefinite leave of absence. Subsequently, a clarification was provided by the Archdiocese that his absence is not due to any alleged misconduct with minors.*

*I have been asked by officials from the Archdiocese to share the following update with you. Before I do, I want to make it abundantly clear that I am sharing the official update. It came to my attention Saturday evening during the Vigil Mass that flyers were circulating among some members of the congregation. Those flyers were unsigned. They were not on parish or Archdiocesan letterhead. Yet, they purported to contain the facts regarding Monsignor McLoone. If you have received such a document, it should not be treated as an official or entirely accurate update.*

*The facts are as follows. Monsignor McLoone had established a bank account in the name of the parish that was not on the parish books. As such, activity from this account was not reflected in regular reports reviewed with the parish finance council or provided to the Archdiocese. This account was opened in November 2011. Monsignor McLoone was the only signer on this account and he acted alone with respect to all of the account’s activity.*

*Off book accounts are in violation of standard Archdiocesan financial control practices and procedures. This bank account was frozen in February 2018 and a review of parish financial records was recently undertaken by personnel from the Archdiocesan Office for Parish Services and Support.*

*Based upon that work, it appears that deposits to this account consisted of some donations as well as other revenue generated by the parish. Deposits into this account over the past six plus years that it was active totaled just over \$110,000. The Archdiocese does not believe that Sunday collections, contributions to the parish capital campaign, or school and PREP tuition fees were deposited therein.*

*While certain expenditures already reviewed appear consistent with normal parish expenses, or can be documented as such, there were others that raised concern.*

*Monsignor McLoone was questioned directly about these matters. He acknowledged that the existence of this account was in violation of established Archdiocesan financial controls and procedures. He further acknowledged that approximately \$1,500 of expenditures from this account were for personal expenses of an inappropriate nature.*

*Those expenses were related to relationships with adults that represent a violation of The Standards of Ministerial Behavior and Boundaries established by the Archdiocese. None of this activity involved other members of our parish community.*

*Following these disclosures, and as a direct result of them, Monsignor McLoone's priest personnel status has been changed from leave of absence to administrative leave. Monsignor McLoone recently tendered his resignation as pastor of our parish. His resignation was accepted by the Archbishop.*

*The payments and withdrawals from this bank account are still being scrutinized. There are still approximately \$50,000 in expenditures and ATM withdrawals that need to be better substantiated or explained. Monsignor McLoone is being given the opportunity to provide those substantiations and explanations.*

*The Archdiocese is pursuing full financial restitution on behalf of the parish for the expenditures that have been acknowledged as inappropriate. In addition, the parish finance council has advised me to seek reimbursement for any additional amounts that cannot be appropriately explained or substantiated when this process is complete.*

*Pending review, further action will be considered including referral to law enforcement.*

*All of this information was shared with the parish finance council last Thursday evening. At that time, they advised me, and I accepted their recommendation that Commitment Weekend for our Capital Campaign would not be held this weekend.*

*Information regarding this matter is being provided to our parish school and PREP families via email today.*

*Let us entrust ourselves to our Parish Patron, Saint Joseph. My prayer is that you and all the parishioners of this parish continue to be like Saint Joseph and keep this parish a holy family. Please continue to make this parish a holy family where the presence of Jesus is embraced, celebrated, and manifested in the charitable, compassionate, Christ like way we treat everyone as brothers and sisters in the family of God."*

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Dunleavy  
Parochial Administrator Pro-Tem