



DECREE

In nomine Domini. Amen

On June 18, 2012, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis received a complaint that Reverend Curtis Wehmeyer, a priest of this Archdiocese, supplied alcohol and sexually explicit images to a minor, and fondled or attempted to fondle the minor's genitals. I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to Father Wehmeyer.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint Very Reverend Peter A. Laird, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Father Laird will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. He is to collect any additional proofs he deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. He is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which he deems necessary for his investigation.

In conducting his investigation, Father Laird is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Wehmeyer's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Father Laird should also avoid taking any action which may interfere with or hinder any criminal investigation.

Within thirty days of the issuance of this decree, Father Laird is to make a preliminary written and oral report to me. To the extent possible, this report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. Thereafter, I will expect weekly updates on the progress of the investigation, which will conclude no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment.

Given on June 20, 2012, at Saint Paul, Minnesota.

The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Reverend Daniel Bodin
Ecclesiastical Notary