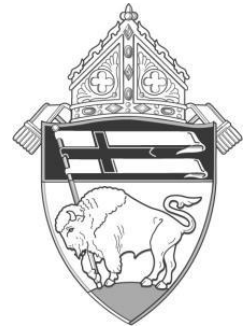

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Diocese of Buffalo Announces Priest Placed on Administrative Leave

Buffalo, N.Y., December 30, 2022 – The Diocese of Buffalo has received a complaint of inappropriate comments communicated to a minor by Father Patryk Sobczyk. Bishop Michael W. Fisher has placed Fr. Sobczyk on administrative leave as an investigation continues. Prior to being placed on leave, Fr. Sobczyk was parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Church, Alden, N.Y. and St. Maximilian Kolbe, Corfu, N.Y.

Please note that this administrative leave is for the purpose of investigation and does not imply any determination as to the truth or falsity of the complaint. If you have any information specific to clerical sexual abuse you would like to share, please contact Jackie Joy, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, who may be reached at 716 895-3010.

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