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Dear St. Gilbert Parish Family,

I write to share difficult news concerning Reverend Samson Mukundi, who served as Associate Pastor of St. Gilbert Parish from November 2007 to June 2012.

The Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation concerning inappropriate physical contact and boundary violations involving an adult. The allegation does not involve the sexual abuse of a minor. Nevertheless, the concerns raised are serious and warrant careful attention and appropriate action.

As a result, I have temporarily withdrawn Father Mukundi's faculties to exercise public ministry and directed him to undergo a period of evaluation. During this time, he will not be permitted to engage in public priestly ministry.

I recognize that this news may be troubling and may raise questions and concerns among those who have known Father Mukundi through his years of priestly ministry. Please know that the Archdiocese takes seriously its responsibility to uphold appropriate standards of conduct among those entrusted with pastoral ministry, while ensuring that all individuals involved are treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

I also want to encourage anyone who may have experienced inappropriate conduct, unwanted physical contact, or boundary violations involving Father Mukundi, or who may have information about similar concerns, to come forward. We are committed to listening carefully, treating every individual with dignity and respect, and responding appropriately to any concerns brought to our attention.

Individuals wishing to report concerns may contact the Vicars for Priests Office at 312-534-1837. Anyone who believes they have experienced criminal misconduct may also contact local law enforcement.

Please be assured of my continued prayers and pastoral concern for all of you. We will share additional information as appropriate and as circumstances permit.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago