



Friends of Father Steve

Background

On December 4, 2014, Father Stephen Amesse, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Fallowfield (Nepean, Ontario), began the process of vigorously refuting charges related to sexual interference and assault of a minor. These date back to 2008, during his pastoral tenure at nearby Holy Spirit Parish in Stittsville.

We strongly believe that the legal process will reveal these allegations to be false, severely damaging and possibly libelous. The allegations have had a profound effect on Father Steve and the hundreds of parishioners at both Holy Spirit and St. Patrick's who have come to know, respect and trust him in his ministry.

The Ottawa Police Service released an official statement on the matter and the Archdiocese of Ottawa has implemented its protocol of suspension until the matter is resolved before the Ontario Provincial Justice System.

How you can help ...

Friends of Father Steve came together as a group to offer both moral and financial support to Father Steve. It is volunteer-based and its activities are independent of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

Father Steve's legal fees and associated investigative expenses could exceed \$60,000, and are not covered by the Archdiocese or any other third party. They are his personal responsibility.

A bank account has been opened for this purpose, and contributions by cheque can be made towards these legal costs. Since Friends of Father Steve does not qualify for charitable status, we cannot issue tax receipts for your contributions.

Please note that any funds received in excess of Father Steve's final legal bills will be donated to a charity or charities of Father Steve's choice.

Thank you for your support, and please keep Father Steve in your prayers!!

Contributions can be made by sending cheques payable to:

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