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PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Charges laid against Fr. Ron Léger, cvs, former pastor of Holy Family Parish at 778 Archibald Street, Winnipeg Manitoba of the Archdiocese of Saint-Boniface.

Upon learning of the criminal charges against Father Ron Léger, former pastor of Holy Family Parish, the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface expresses its deep sorrow to the victims who have come forward as well as to their families and the entire parish community of Holy Family who have been affected by the alleged actions by their former pastor. The Archdiocese will do all it can to assist those victims who have come forward as well as those who have not yet made known their suffering.

The Archdiocese has worked closely with the Winnipeg police as soon as the situation was made known to them in February 2014. The Archdiocese is following closely its own diocesan protocol for the protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults: Working Together for a Safe and Respectful Church Environment, and immediately suspended Fr. Léger from all ministerial activity in the Archdiocese. Fr. Léger has been forbidden to have anything to do with former parishioners and children. The protocol can be found on the archdiocesan website at: www.archsaintboniface.ca. In fairness to Fr. Léger, he is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

Each time the heinous crime of sex abuse is reported, victims and their families are wounded again, the vast majority of faithful priests bow their heads in shame, and sincere Catholics, Christians and people of good will, experience shock, sorrow, anger and righteous indignation. Every single abuse case involving a minor, no matter when it took place is a crime and we must respond to those who have been victimized and hurt by any person acting in the name of the Church. The Archdiocese of Saint Boniface stands in solidarity with the victims and wishes to be an instrument of reconciliation and healing for them.

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