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Statement regarding Rev. Richard Altine

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (October 24, 2018): The Diocese of Kalamazoo announced the following:

Rev. Richard Altine has voluntarily resigned as Pastor of Holy Maternity of Mary (Dowagiac), Holy Family (Decatur), St. Gabriel (Berrien Springs), Sacred Heart of Mary (Silver Creek), and St. Anthony (Buchanan) Parishes, as well as Dean of the Southern Deanery, and has temporarily withdrawn from public ministry effective as of October 22, 2018. In Mid-October, the Diocese suspected financial irregularities occurring at these parishes. The Diocese is currently investigating this matter and will release additional information related to the situation as it becomes available.

In the interim, Rev. Alberto Bondy, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit, has been appointed interim Administrator of the Collaborative, while Rev. Leo Cartagena remains Administrator of St. Anthony Parish and St. Gabriel Parish, and Rev. Mike Rejent will remain as Senior Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish.