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The Diocesan Safe Environment Review Board of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has determined that an allegation of inappropriate physical/sexual misconduct involving Fr. Gary Carr meets the criteria for publication as it satisfies the prevailing standard of Semblance of Truth.

The allegation involves a male, now an adult, who recently reported that nearly 30 years ago, when he was then between the ages of 10-13 years old, Fr. Carr made inappropriate physical/sexual contact with him. This report has been forwarded to the Stoddard County Prosecuting Attorney, the jurisdiction where the incident is alleged to have occurred.

Fr. Gary Carr was born in 1954 in St. Louis, MO. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau in 1982 by then-Bishop Bernard F. Law. Father Carr was placed on Administrative Leave and restricted in his priestly ministry by Bishop James V. Johnston in 2008. In 2016, this action was reaffirmed by Bishop Edward M. Rice upon his installation as the diocese's seventh bishop. Father Carr resides in St. Louis.

Among the pastoral assignments for Fr. Carr, was a term as associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield, from Dec. 2, 1982 to December 1983. For a full press release, see "News," "Clerical Misconduct," at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org).

If you suspect a child is in imminent danger of abuse, please call 911 immediately. Anyone who knows or suspects the abuse of minors or vulnerable adults should contact the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-3738 or the Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800-392-0210 and/or local law enforcement. Anyone who may have information regarding an allegation or any other such concerns are urged to contact law enforcement and the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (417) 866-0841, or Email [childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org](mailto:childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org). Persons may also document an allegation through the secure diocesan Web-based "TIPS" reporting portal (see [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) and look for "TIPS" link).