Congregation of the Resurrection

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Dear Parishioners of St. John Cantius:

As Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection I want to thank you for your prayers and patience as we have considered the allegations of misconduct with adults against our member, Father C. Frank Phillips, C.R. Over the past weeks, our review board and members of our community have heard from those involved and have informed the Archdiocese of Chicago of our conclusions. We accept the Archdiocese's decision that Fr. Phillips' faculties for public ministry will remain withdrawn and that he not return as pastor of St John Cantius and as Superior of the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius. He will be receiving support and will reside at a Resurrectionist facility away from your parish.

While we know this news will disappoint some of Fr. Phillips' supporters, we hope everyone will come to understand that this process was conducted with prayerful deliberation and sincere compassion. We pledge to keep everyone involved in our prayers, as well as your parish community and the Canons Regular of St. John Cantius. We appreciate your continued remembrance of our brother, Fr. Philips, in prayer.

Yours in Christ,

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