



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

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Diocesan statement on Rev. Francis Marotti

(August 12, 2021) Kalamazoo, Mich.: The Diocese of Kalamazoo has released the following statement:

The Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley has canonically suspended the Reverend Francis Marotti from the public exercise of priestly ministry and from presenting himself as a priest. The suspension comes as a result of a thorough investigation and extensive assessment of inappropriate conduct. Fr. Marotti has been on a leave of absence since October of 2019, and subsequently resigned as Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Augusta, in March of 2020.

We continue to pray for the grace and healing of the Holy Spirit for all who have been affected by this situation.

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and has grown to include 59 parishes as well as 21 Catholic schools.