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Diocesan statement regarding conclusion of financial investigation

In October 2018, Rev. Richard Altine was asked to resign as Pastor of the Collaborative of Holy Maternity of Mary, Holy Family and Sacred Heart of Mary Parishes in light of financial irregularities at the parishes. The investigation, which was conducted by the Diocese as well as a third-party auditor, concluded in March 2020. Fr. Altine was cleared of any misuse of funds and no legal action was necessary.

Fr. Altine remains a “priest in good standing.” He does not have authority to have the responsibility of financial oversight in his pastoral ministries. He has been serving as the Senior Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw, and was recently appointed Senior Parochial Vicar of St. Basil Parish, South Haven. Very Rev. Fabio Garzon, the Pastor of the Collaborative including St. Peter Parish, Douglas, San Felipe de Jesus, Fennville and St. Basil Parish, will retain the financial oversight of all three parishes.