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ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT WITH A MINOR AGAINST REVEREND MONSIGNOR CRAIG HARRISON

An allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Msgr. Craig Harrison was reported to diocesan personnel on Friday, April 12, 2019, by an adult male who was a minor at the time of the alleged abuse. On Monday, April 15, 2019, diocesan personnel reported the allegation in person to the Firebaugh Police Department. Later that day, the officer who initially received the report was able to contact and interview the complainant. The Diocese of Fresno must defer to law enforcement regarding any additional information about the police department's investigation.

Concurrent with the investigation being pursued by law enforcement, the Diocese of Fresno is conducting an internal investigation. This includes notification to all faith communities where Msgr. Harrison has served, including:

*Our Lady of Mercy, St. Patrick's and Sacred Heart, Merced
St. Francis, Bakersfield
St. Francis, Mojave
St. Joseph, Firebaugh*

As prescribed by diocesan policy, Msgr. Harrison has been placed on Paid Administrative Leave pending the outcome of the investigation being conducted by law enforcement and the diocesan investigation.

Anyone who has information that may be relevant to this case is asked to contact Officer Ricardo Monay of the Firebaugh Police Department at (559) 659-3051.

To speak with diocesan personnel regarding relevant concerns in any location in the Diocese please contact Teresa Dominguez or Cheryl Sarkisian at (559) 488-7400 or your local law enforcement agency.

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