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The Archdiocese of Boston has learned that Reverend Kelvin E. Iguabita has been arrested by the Haverhill Police Department and charged with two counts of rape of a child and one count of assault with intent to rape. The Archdiocese of Boston will cooperate fully with the authorities as this investigation continues.

Recently, the Archdiocese of Boston learned of the allegations after being contacted by a mandated reporter working with the alleged victim. In accordance with our sexual misconduct policy Father Iguabita will not be given any assignment in the Archdiocese of Boston pending the outcome of the criminal charges and formal review and action under our policy. The Archdiocese of Boston will also notify the Holy See regarding these allegations.

At the time of his arrest Father Iguabita did not have an assignment in the Archdiocese of Boston. Before taking a leave of absence on July 18, 2001, Father Iguabita was briefly assigned to the Metropolitan Tribunal of Boston and previously was Parochial Vicar at All Saints Parish in Haverhill, Massachusetts from June 1, 1999 to June 5, 2001. Father Iguabita, a native of Columbia, was ordained in Boston on May 15, 1999.

The Archdiocese of Boston will provide any necessary pastoral support to All Saints Parish and School communities in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Anyone who has additional information regarding allegations of misconduct with a minor in regards to Father Iguabita is urged to immediately contact the Department of Social Services at 617-748-2000 and/or the Archdiocese of Boston at (617) 746-5750.

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