

SECTION 7 – ALLEGATION AGAINST A PRIEST OR DEACON

- 7.1 In the case of a priest or deacon, when there is sufficient evidence that sexual abuse of a minor has occurred, the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith shall be notified by the Bishop (Norm 6).

The Bishop shall then apply the precautionary measures outlined in CIC, canon, 1722, or CCEO, canon 1473, i.e., withdraw the accused from exercising the Sacred Ministry or any ecclesiastical office or function, impose or prohibit residence in a given place or territory, and prohibit

- 7.2 public participation in the Most Holy Eucharist, pending the outcome of the process (Norm 6).
- 7.3 When even a single act of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest or deacon is admitted or is established after an appropriate process in accord with canon law, the offending priest or deacon will be removed permanently from ecclesiastical ministry, including dismissal from the clerical state, if the case so warrants (CIC, Cn.1395, §2; CCEO, canon 1453 §1, and Norm 8).