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STATEMENT REGARDING REVEREND DENNIS B. ZACHEIS

ST. LOUIS – Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, has received an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor against retired priest Reverend Dennis B. Zacheis. The acts alleged are said to have occurred in the late 1970s. Archbishop Carlson, in consultation with the Review Board of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, has decided for the sake of openness and transparency to make this known. Father Zacheis denies the allegation.

Father Zacheis has been retired from ministry without priestly faculties since 2010, due to alleged irregularities in finances for which he was responsible as pastor of St. Anthony's in Sullivan. He currently resides in a private residence.

In keeping with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, an announcement about this allegation has been made in the archdiocesan newspaper, The St. Louis Review, and in the parishes where Father Zacheis served.

If you have any questions you may contact Sandra Price, Executive Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at (314) 792-7271 or sandraprice@archstl.org.

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