

# Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **For immediate release**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary has learned that sexual assault charges against Reverend Malcolm Joe D'Souza have been withdrawn by the Crown.

Reverend D'Souza was placed on administrative leave on October 19, 2018 and that status remains unchanged.

In accordance with the *Model Code of Conduct* and pursuant to the policy and guidelines set forth in *Strengthening Our Parish Communities: Sexual Misconduct Committee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary*, an internal investigation shall be conducted. No further comments will be made until the Church's investigation has been completed.

The primary concern of the guidelines of the Diocese is the protection of all persons, especially minors and vulnerable persons. In that regard, the Church is called to ensure that the clergy and faithful are able to practice their faith in a safe environment committed to the well-being and protection of all.

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