



PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF IMAGES/NAMES OF PRIESTS **PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM MINISTRY**

On 21 September 2020 the Priests' Council for the Diocese of Owensboro approved the following policy for public displays in the diocese involving priests who have been permanently removed from ministry under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. This policy is effective immediately.

- If a parish or Catholic school is putting together a history or anniversary booklet, the booklet must be cleared by the Bishop. All pictures and editorial comments about a priest permanently removed from ministry under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* will be removed, but the name will be retained as a part of history.
- If a picture is displayed in a parish or Catholic school of a priest who was permanently removed from ministry under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, it should be removed immediately.
- If a building, room, etc. is named after a priest who was permanently removed from ministry under the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the space is to be renamed using the name of a saint chosen by the parish/school and approved by the Bishop.
- From this point forward, any buildings, rooms, etc. are to be named after saints and the name chosen by the parish/school must be approved by the Bishop.
- Specific cases will be handled by the Bishop.