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### **"CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA REQUESTS GALESBURG PRIEST TO NO LONGER FUNCTION IN PUBLIC MINISTRY"**

**PEORIA-** Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Catholic Diocese of Peoria has asked Michael R. Van Acker, 50, chaplain OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg, to step-down from public ministry. Allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor were recently brought to the diocese's attention. The misconduct occurred in the early 1980's. Van Acker has been asked not to function as a Catholic priest in any public capacity, to no longer wear clerical garb or the Roman collar, and to refrain from using the title Reverend or Father.

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