**Michael Van Acker**

| Assignment History | Holy Trinity (Bloomington)  
|                    | Central Catholic High School (Bloomington)  
|                    | St. Patrick (Wapella)  
|                    | Bergan High School (Peoria)  
|                    | St. Patrick (Andalusia)  
|                    | OSF St. Mary Medical Center (Galesburg)  
| Birth Year         | 1952  
| Ordination Year    | 1981  
| Year Removed       | 2002 |
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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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