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STATEMENT ON FATHER SCHOOK'S INDICTMENT

The Archdiocese of Louisville has cooperated with law enforcement officials as they have investigated accusations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy and by other employees of the Church.

Today, Father James R. Schook was indicted on 7 felony charges involving minors and occurring in the 1970s and 1980s. Ordained in 1975, Father Schook was permanently removed from ministry by Archbishop Joseph Kurtz in 2010 after the Archdiocese of Louisville Sexual Abuse Review Board substantiated accusations of childhood sexual abuse that were made against him.

As in the past, the Archdiocese will continue to work with law enforcement in efforts to address childhood sexual abuse. We have full confidence in the ability of the criminal justice system to address this crime.

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