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Fr. Mickus removed from ministry

Based on the investigation and report issued by independent law firm, McAfee & Taft, and at the recommendation of the layperson-led archdiocesan Review Board, Archbishop Paul Coakley announced Thursday he will not return Father James Mickus to ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows in Chandler and Saint Louis in Stroud.

Archbishop Coakley suspended Father Mickus in November 2018 after an initial review of his priest file revealed an unresolved allegation of abuse of a minor. The files were turned over to McAfee & Taft, which conducted an independent investigation that included priest files, electronic files and interviews.

Following the investigation, McAfee & Taft included Father Mickus on a list of priests who have a substantiated allegation of abuse of a minor between 1960 to 2019. The allegation against Father Mickus stems from the late 1970s and early 1980s.

He will no longer be assigned as a priest in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.