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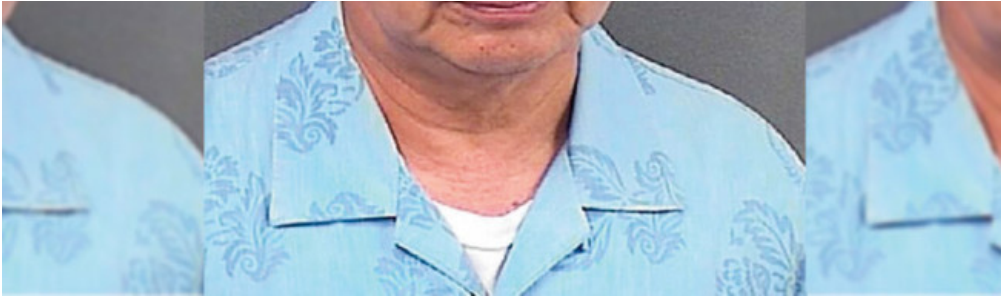
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By Rocelle Tangi
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A Filipino Catholic priest in New Jersey was arrested due to an alleged sexual abuse of a 16-year-old boy.

Father Romannilo “Nilo” S. Apura, pastor of St. Martha’s Parish in Point Pleasant, NJ was taken into custody on Thursday, August 21 by the detectives of the Mercer County Prosecutor’s Special Victims Unit.

The 67-year-old priest from Borongan City, Eastern Samar, Philippines is accused of caressing the boy’s genitals at a Trenton home in late spring to early summer of 2014.

Prosecutors reported that in a different incident in June, he tried to remove the teenager’s pants.

Apura is facing charges of second-degree endangering the welfare of child, third-degree aggravated criminal sexual contact and fourth-degree attempt to commit criminal sexual contact.

The Filipino priest is detained at the Mercer County Correction Center with a \$100,000 cash or bond bail.

In exchange for the conditional bail, state Superior Court Judge Pedro J. Jimenez Jr. mandated Apura to surrender his passport and to have no contact with the victim or any other children.

Though the investigation has no conclusion yet, Bishop David O’Connell of the Diocese of Trenton suspended Apura. He is no longer allowed to celebrate Mass, wear priestly garb or present himself as a priest.

“Sexual abuse committed by anyone representing the Church is a sin against God and His people, and a betrayal of the trust placed in the Church by families,” the diocese said in a statement.

“We reiterate our firm commitment to the safeguards and initiatives in place to keep our children safe, and we ask the faithful throughout the diocese to pray for all who may have been harmed in this case,” the statement added.

They insisted that they will continue to cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

One of the parishioners of Point Pleasant, Kevin Shea admitted that the incident surprised him.

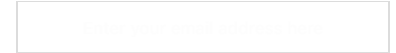
“I have known Father Nilo since the day he walked into our parish and I have worked with him on parish ministries, and nothing in his words or deeds would have ever led me to believe that Father Nilo would be accused of the allegations I learned about today,” Shea told the Asbury Park Press.

“This is a stunner,” Shea added. “Father Nilo has brought a greater sense of community to our parish and, in my opinion, has been nothing but a positive influence for St. Martha’s.”

He stressed that Apura should be considered “innocent until proven guilty.”

Earlier this year, Pope Francis asked for forgiveness from victims of clerical sexual abuse. “Before God and His people, express my sorrow for the sins and grave crimes of clerical sexual abuse committed against you.”

“I humbly ask forgiveness. I beg forgiveness, too, for the sins of omission on the part of the Church leaders who did not respond adequately to reports of abuse made by family members, as well as by abuse victims themselves,” he apologized.



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