

Diocese of East Anglia

Statement 19th March 2014

Mr David Goodstadt, a member of the St Luke's Roman Catholic Parish, Peterborough, and a choirmaster and catechist of that parish church, was convicted at Peterborough Crown Court on 14th March 2014 of serious sexual offences relating to children. Mr Goodstadt's offences do not relate to his role within the church. He is currently in custody awaiting sentence.

The Right Reverend Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia said, "The safeguarding of children and vulnerable people is of paramount importance to the Catholic Church and the Diocese of East Anglia", and assured all involved of his prayers.

As a result of his conviction for such offences Mr Goodstadt has been formally dismissed from his role as catechist and choirmaster with immediate effect. Until the conviction he was suspended from these roles. This is in accord with the safeguarding procedures of the Catholic Church in England & Wales.

Whilst Mr Goodstadt's offences do not relate to his role within the church, should anyone have any concerns or require further information then they may wish to speak to our Safeguarding Coordinator Mr Michael Thurley, who can be contacted on 020 8505 4199.

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