

Diocese of East Anglia

Friday May 9th 2014

Statement regarding the Revd. Fr. David Jennings

Further to the statement released on 13th January 2014; the diocese of East Anglia is now in a position to announce that it has been formally notified that Norfolk Police will be taking no further action against the Revd. Fr. David Jennings, following his arrest in January, with regard to safeguarding issues. Fr. Jennings has always maintained his innocence in this matter and has co-operated fully with the police throughout their investigation. The Diocese of East Anglia will now follow recognised process, in accordance with the safeguarding policy of the Catholic Church of England and Wales: Fr Jennings has undertaken to participate fully with this process.

The Rt. Revd. Alan Hopes, Bishop of the Diocese of East Anglia has affirmed that “The safeguarding of children and vulnerable people is of paramount importance to the Catholic Church and the Diocese has co-operated fully with the police and other agencies in this matter. I am pleased that the police have now concluded their investigations. It remains for the church procedures to be completed. I am extremely grateful for everyone’s support and patience during these past few months, and in particular that from the parishioners of Great Yarmouth and Gorleston. I would ask we continue to pray for all those involved.

At present it would not be appropriate to make any further comment.

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