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Announcement and Update regarding Rev. Anthony Atter

Dear Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Saskatoon:

I am contacting you to announce that the Crown directed a stay of proceedings against Rev. Anthony Atter which means for all intents and purposes, the charges have been dropped. Fr. Atter was serving as pastor of the parish communities of St. Anthony in Lake Lenore, St. Ann in Annaheim, and St. Gregory in St. Gregor when charges were laid in December of 2020.

I acknowledge the great suffering this situation has caused; however, I note Fr. Atter is prayerfully supportive of the complainant and the family in this case and wishes God's blessings on this very difficult circumstances.

Rev. Atter's defense lawyer, Brian Pfefferle, recently stated, "Our position throughout has been that Fr. Atter was completely innocent of any wrongdoing. He has taken that position throughout. This is a very complex and unfortunate situation."

In my conversation with Fr. Anthony, he is very grateful for the support he has received from parishioners and community members of the diocese.

The Diocese of Saskatoon will now carry out its own required internal process, as outlined in its Safeguarding Action Plan.

Please join with me in thanking God for his blessings on this unfortunate situation and praying for the Holy Spirit's continued blessing and guidance as healing is brought to all involved.

Yours in Christ

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen