



Letter of Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ Regarding Fr. John Pietruszka

March 22, 2023

Dear St. Michael Parishioners,

I am sorry to inform you that Father John Pietruszka has voluntarily left his assignment as Parochial Vicar of St. Michael's parish Livermore without permission. He has communicated to me his desire to leave the active ministry.

Therefore, I am today withdrawing his priestly faculties. Father Pietruszka may not celebrate Mass or any of the sacraments, nor dress as a priest. Be assured this decision is not due to any violation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

I regret the pain this will cause the pastor and faithful of St. Michael's parish who had put their trust in Father Pietruszka.

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland