

Rev. Philip Magaldi

Through recent coverage in the Boston Globe newspaper, the Archdiocese of San Antonio became aware of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor made against Rev. Philip Magaldi, a deceased priest of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. According to this article, a plaintiff alleges that he was abused by Magaldi in Rhode Island in the late 1970's.

Magaldi arrived in San Antonio in April 1988 to study Spanish, and served at St. Vincent de Paul Parish from September 1988 through February 1989. He was asked to leave the Archdiocese once it was learned that he had mishandled funds from his prior parish in the Diocese of Providence. This later resulted in a criminal conviction. The Archdiocese is not aware of any allegations that Magaldi abused minors in San Antonio.

I share this information with you with the hope that if any members of our community have been affected by sexual abuse, they will feel encouraged to seek all needed pastoral support or counseling as part of their healing process. If we can be of assistance to you, or if you have questions or concerns in regard to Magaldi, please notify Mr. Steve Martinez, Director of the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment, at (210) 734-7786 or (877) 700-1888.

I pledge my commitment to continue to work toward making every Catholic Church, school and institution a safe harbor for all of our children. Please join me in prayer as we reach out to any and all who may be victims of sexual abuse.

*Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS*