## Statement from Fr. Seibt

This past Friday it was announced that four misdemeanor charges involving a minor have been filed against Father Nathan Brooks, a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse.

Currently, there is an investigation of these charges underway. Both the Diocese and Fr. Brooks are cooperating with civil authorities.

In the meantime, Fr. Brooks has been suspended from all priestly ministry, which is the policy of the diocese for priests accused of sexual abuse.

Given that Fr. Brooks is originally from our parish, there will understandably be a wide range of emotions, thoughts, and opinions on this matter. I urge everyone to keep all parties involved in your prayers and to be respectful of them. As we await the conclusion and official outcome of the investigation, let us withhold any judgments and pray that truth and justice prevail.

Msgr. Elmer and I are always available to you should you need to talk about this matter. Simply let us know.

In Christ, CRS