

## Nativity of Our Lord Parish

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Dear Parishioners of Nativity of Our Lord Parish,

I am sure many of you have heard the news reports by now that one of our teachers, Mr. Richard Adamsky, was arrested this morning for the possession of child pornography. Law enforcement arrived at the school this morning to inform Roselee Maddaloni and myself of the situation.

I want you to know that the parish and the school are fully cooperating with law enforcement and are working with the Archdiocese's Office for Communications in order to get the information out to the parish and school families.

We only became aware of this situation when law enforcement informed us of it this morning. From what we were told, Mr. Adamsky's alleged criminal activity only involved his personal electronic devices and that there were no allegations that he had physically harmed a minor.

Mr. Adamsky's criminal background checks and child abuse clearances were up to date and on file. Also, there have been no complaints of inappropriate behavior with minors.

I know this is difficult news to hear and it brings great sadness to our parish and school families. The safety of our school children is our primary concern. To that end, I am giving you the website for the Archdiocesan Office for Child and Youth Protection (www.childyouthprotection.org) which contains resources for parents. A similar letter to this one was sent to the school families.

I am also encouraging you to report to law enforcement any concerns that you may have regarding Mr. Adamsky's role as a teacher or as a coach.

Please pray for the victims of child sexual abuse and for and end of the sin of child pornography.

God bless.

Rev/Joseph G. Watson