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Sexual abuse by cardinal alleged



Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archibishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C., and the first Bishop of Metuchen, lays hands on The Most Rev. James Francis Checchio in 2016. KEITH MUCCILLI/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

McCarrick steps down over claim 47 years ago

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Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the retired archbishop of Washington, D.C., who also served as the Archbishop of Newark, N.J., and the founding Bishop of Metuchen, N.J., is alleged to have sexually abused a minor 47 years ago when he was a priest in the Archdiocese of New York, Roman Catholic church officials announced Wednesday.

As a result of the allegations, called "credible and substantiated" by church officials, the cardinal is stepping down from active ministry until a definite decision is made through the canonical process, according to a statement from the archdiocese of Washington.

"While I have absolutely no recollection of this reported abuse, and believe in my innocence, I am sorry for the pain the person who brought the charges has gone through, as well as for the scandal such charges cause our people," McCarrick said in a statement.

The 87-year-old McCarrick, who has been a priest for 60 years, is believed to be the first cardinal to step down from active ministry following allegations.

tions of sexually abusing a minor.

As part of the review process, while no other allegations of abuse with minors were found, allegations that McCarrick engaged in sexual misconduct with adults while he served in New Jersey were revealed.

According to a statement from the Archdiocese of New York, the sexual abuse allegations were reported several months ago, and occurred during the time when McCarrick was private secretary to Cardinal Terence Cooke, a position McCarrick held from 1971 to 1977.

The allegations were reported to law enforcement officials, and were investigated by an independent forensic agency. McCarrick was advised of the charge, and, while maintaining his innocence, fully cooperated in the investigation, according to the statement. The Vatican was alerted as well, and encouraged the archdiocese to continue the review.

The allegations were given to the Archdiocesan Review Board, which includes jurists, law enforcement experts, parents, psychologists, a priest and a religious sister. The board found the allegations to be "credible and substantiated." The Vatican Secre-

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Gas station, convenience store will replace Elks lodge in Peapack-Gladstone

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PEAPACK-GLADSTONE - A gas station and convenience store on the site of the vacant Elks lodge on Route 206 has received initial borough approval.

The proposal by Manjit Singh Bajwa and Ravinder Kaur still has to receive site plan approval, but the borough's land use board has given a use variance for the project.

The site plan review will include the appearance of the building and if a septic system will be installed, instead of running a sewer line on the highway to a small pumping station.

The proposal calls for a gas station with nine fueling

positions on the 5-acre lot, which is only being used by a food truck. Before the Elks lodge, which has been vacant for 22 years, there was a gas station on the property.

The cell tower on the lot will remain.

Elizabeth McKenzie, professional planner for the applicants, said a gas station and convenience store would be an "appropriate" use of the property, according to land use board minutes.

Mckenzie said the applicants are also proposing to leave as much of the land as undeveloped as possible.

She also noted there is no other gas station on the southbound side of Route 206 in the borough. There is a gas station and convenience store on the northbound side of Route 206 at Dutch Road.

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NJ agency has contract to give immigrant children shelter

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North Jersey Record

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An agency in South Jersey is among more than 100 shelters across the country that have contracts with the federal government to provide shelter to immigrant children who have crossed the southwestern border.

The Center for Family Services Inc. of Camden has a \$4 million contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide temporary shelter to children in their care, an official there said Wednesday.

The agency has served 90 children, 95 percent of whom entered the United States without a parent, under a program that has been in place for over a year, said Jen Hammill, the agency's associate vice president of development and public relations. The center has 17 "safe homes" in South Jersey, she said.

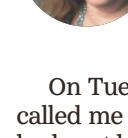
"We do not have foster homes; we have shelter homes," she said. "We have various levels of care, emergency housing to permanent supportive housing to group homes to shelter homes."

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Time to get tickets for Stitch 'N Pitch game with Patriots



In Stitches

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USA TODAY NETWORK - N.J.

On Tuesday, Eric Fuzer from the Somerset Patriots called me about the Stitch 'N Pitch game on July 27. I had sent him a list of about 40 knitting/crochet groups across Central Jersey, and he's going to be sending all of them flyers about the game, with information about getting the discounted group tickets.

If I know about your knitting/crochet group, whether it's a prayer shawl ministry, a library group, a senior citizens group, guild or a group of friends, you may be getting a letter from him soon. Watch for it. And please act on it.

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Cardinal

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tary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, at the direction of Pope Francis, instructed McCarrick, who retired as the Archbishop of Washington in 2006, that he is no longer to exercise publicly his priestly ministry or activity until a definite decision is made, according to the statement.

"Cardinal McCarrick, while maintaining his innocence, has accepted the decision," Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, said in the statement.

A statement from Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in part, "I express my gratitude to Cardinal Dolan, who has carried forward with clarity, compassion for the victims, and a genuine sense of justice. With him, I express my deep sadness, and on behalf of the Church, I apologize to all who have been harmed by one of her ministers."

In separate statements, Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, and Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Newark, said that a review of church records has found no other allegations of abuse of minors during McCarrick's time in the diocese, which includes Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties, or the archdiocese, which includes Union County.

But the prelates reported that the review found previously unreported allegations that McCarrick engaged in sexual behavior with adults.

"This Diocese and the Archdiocese of Newark received three allegations of sexual misconduct with adults decades ago; two of these allegations resulted in settlements," Checchio said. A diocesan spokeswoman added that the allegations were reported to law enforcement officials at the time they were made; they had not previously been reported publicly.

Throughout his 60 years as a priest, the New York-born McCarrick has had a storied career. Ordained in 1958, he served as an assistant chaplain at the Catholic University, where he later became dean of students and director of development.

From 1965 to 1969, he served as president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico. He then returned to the Archdiocese of New York, where he served in leadership capacities and as a parish associate pastor.

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of New York in 1977, and in 1982, became the founding bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, which was carved out of the Diocese of Trenton as the number of Roman Catholics grew in Central Jersey. He was named the fourth Archbishop of Newark in 1986, and held that position for 14 years, until he was appointed the fifth Archbishop of Washington in 2000; he was elevated to cardinal in 2001.

McCarrick, long an advocate of social justice issues and fluent in several languages, has continued to work with different Washington, D.C.-based institutions since his retirement, which occurred at the mandatory age of 75.

While in New Jersey, McCarrick was a popular and charismatic leader as

bishop of Metuchen, and while leading the Archdiocese of Newark, creating programs that focused on social justice and community-building.

The former St. Mary's High School in South Amboy also was renamed the Cardinal McCarrick High School; the school closed in 2015 because of declining enrollment.

But his accomplishments will now be linked with the sexual abuse scandal which has rocked the Roman Catholic church for decades.

Judy Block-Jones, Midwest Associate Leader for SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) hopes that Wednesday's announcement will give other "victims the courage to step forward."

Block-Jones believes that "if he did this, he most likely covered up the sex crimes of other clergy," she said. "Others need to know that it is OK to come forward and speak about what happened to them."

"The abuse of anyone who is vulnerable is both shameful and horrific," Checchio said. "The abuse of a minor by a priest — as is being reported in this case from New York — is an abomination and sickens and saddens us all."

In their three separate statements, Tobin, Checchio and Dolan, offered apologies to anyone ever victimized or abused by clergy, and urged that such abuse be reported to authorities.

"I am thinking particularly of those who have experienced the trauma of sexual abuse by clergy — whose lives have been impacted tragically by abuse," Tobin said. "To those survivors, their families and loved ones, I offer my sincere apologies and my commitment

of prayer and action to support you in your healing."

McCarrick served the archdiocese of Newark for almost 15 years, Tobin noted. "No doubt many of you developed strong relationships with him and appreciate the impact of his service," he said. "Those feelings are likely hard to reconcile with the news of a credible and substantiated claim of abuse of a minor. While Cardinal McCarrick maintains his innocence and the canonical process continues, we must put first the serious nature of this matter with respect and support for the process aimed at hearing victims and finding truth."

Tobin and Checchio said they are committed to maintaining a safe environment for children in their dioceses.

"I will continue to report immediately to civil authorities any accusation of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy and will cooperate fully in the investigation and adjudication," Tobin said. "I continue to urge anyone who was abused by clergy to come forward, as brave survivors before you have done. To the priests, religious and all other members of this community, I join you in continued prayer that God carry us together in his love with commitment to our faith and each other."

To report a suspected abuse case in the Diocese of Metuchen, call Diocese of Metuchen Diocesan Response Officer Lawrence Nagle at 732-562-2413.

To report a suspected abuse case in the Archdiocese of Newark, call Karen Clark, director, Safe Environment at 973-497-4254.

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Did you know the Stitch 'N Pitch movement is the brainchild of the National Needleworks Association? It's a special time for knitters, crocheters and needlepoint embroiderers to enjoy their favorite craft and baseball.

About four years ago, the Somerset Patriots came to me for help in making their Stitch 'N Pitch came more attractive to knitters and crocheters. I told them they needed to have yarn at the event. The team can't have a one-night concession at the ballpark, according to their league rules. So for three or four years now, we've been partnering with Lion Brand to provide free yarn, and to do that, we've made the Stitch 'N Pitch night a knit-along (KAL) and crochet-along (CAL) to make chemo caps.

This year, we're expanding our KAL and CAL to also make purple baby hats for Prevent Child Abuse NJ and red baby hats for the American Heart Association. We will have yarn and patterns on hand.

The free yarn is for the hats, but you are welcome to bring your own yarn for your own projects. It's fun to make a statement that knitters and crocheters care about others and are willing to spend time making useful things for their benefit. But I know that it's also fun to make stuff for one's self or one's family

The Patriots have always put the knitters and crocheters in excellent seats behind home plate, where we are protected from fly balls in case we're looking at our work and not the game. Non-knitting/crocheting husbands, boyfriends and others have remarked many times, "How did you get such good seats?" because the view of the game is so good. This year, we are making a special effort to keep all the Stitch 'N Pitch seats close together, not spread out in the various sections behind home plate, to enhance the synergy of so many crafters stitching together.

Many people bring hats when they come to the game, too. I've collected more than 100 hats from various knitters, crocheters and even groups at the game. And if you bring me hats and then take yarn to make more, I feel I can trust you to send me the hats you start at the game but don't finish.

Ordering tickets

We're also getting the group rate of \$9.50 per seat, instead of \$12.00. And there will be fireworks after the game.

To order, visit <http://www.somersetpatriots.com/tickets/>, click the "Group Portal Login" button and enter password "knit." That will take you to the July 27 game. Click "buy." This will take you directly to the section reserved for Stitch 'N Pitch. All green seats are available for purchase. From there you just proceed through the

transaction and the tickets will be emailed directly to the person purchasing them.

If you have any questions, you can email Fuzer at efuzer@somersetpatriots.com or call him at 908-252-0700, ext. 222.

Knitting needles, crochet hooks

The free yarn we have is generally worsted weight or sport weight. And the patterns we have are generally for that weight yarn. So if you are a knitter, you want to bring a needle that is size 7, 8 or 9. And if you are a crocheter, you want to bring a crochet hook that is about a size F, G, or H. If you are making a baby hat with sport-weight yarn, go smaller, maybe a size 5 knitting needle or a size D crochet hook.

If you are knitting in the round, you want a 16-inch needle for a chemo cap or an 11- or 12-inch needle for a baby hat. If you know how to knit in the round on double-point needles or how to knit the magic loop method, fine, don't worry about the length of your needle, but unfortunately, I won't have time to teach you those techniques. So please, don't show up with a long circular needle and expect it to work in the round. If your needle is too long, you'll have to knit back and forth and sew up a seam up the back.

I'm going to try to put a few kits together with a pattern, yarn and the correct knitting needle. I can only make a few of these, and once they are gone, they are gone, but I hope that this will help some of you who are unsure about what needle to bring.

Acknowledgements, thank yous

And finally, I want to acknowledge the doll clothes that came in a couple of weeks ago. Some were sewn, and I believe we also had some that were knitted or crocheted. Tracey Heisler of CASA SHAW picked them up last week after my column was written. They will make some of the foster girls very happy.

We also have 92 red hats for the American Heart Association waiting to be picked up, and I have quite a few more hats, mostly for children, that will probably have to wait a few months to be distributed because they're mainly for winter. I'm glad you are making winter hats, but if you wouldn't mind holding them until October, that would really help me out, as my space for storing hats is very limited.

Thank you all. I've said it before, and I'll say it again — I have the best readers in the world.

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Children

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"The children are being housed in a home setting," she said, adding that the center currently is housing teenagers.

She referred specific questions about the children to the Office of Refugee Resettlement, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services.

"These children have needed a safe place to live while teams are working on family reunification," she added, "and we are providing that safe home as we do for any child who comes to us who is vulnerable, who is disadvantaged, who needs a safe place to live while we work on family reunification."

Steven Wagner, acting assistant secretary for the Administration for Children and Families under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, told reporters in a conference call on Monday that more than 80 percent of the 11,786 children in his organization's care have entered the United States by crossing the border by themselves. He said more than 2,000 had been separated from parents at the border.

He said the department would prefer to keep children who have been separated from their parents nearby. Claims that children were sent to New York because there weren't enough beds in facilities near the border were incorrect, he said.

"We would tend to not to want to put separated kids in New York because we would want to keep them closer to their parents so when the parents are adjudicated and if they are removed, then the child can depart with the parents," he said.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that calls for migrant families to be detained together after they cross the border, following a public outcry and criticism from both Democrats and Republicans about a new

"zero-tolerance" approach to immigration enforcement that led to the separation of children from their parents.

Migrants crossing the border will continue to be criminally prosecuted, but children will be able to stay with their parents while their legal cases are considered by the courts. The detentions could be indefinite. But the administration will have to address a 1997 settlement that prohibits the federal government from detaining children for more than 20 days.

While the children are in the care of the federal government, they are housed in more than 100 shelters across 17 states that provide educational services as well as food, clothing, and the opportunity to exercise and play, Wagner said.

"The children in our care are receiving a full range of services, including medical and mental health services as well as counseling," he said. "They are under constant supervision."

Hammill, of the Center for Family Services, said the organization uses a "trauma-informed approach" to support the children in its care, including services for their emotional, psychological and physical well-being.

Sally Pillay, program director for First Friends of New Jersey and New York, an organization that sends volunteers to visit immigration detainees, said she was in contact with a woman who entered the country as an "unaccompanied minor child" with her 2-year-old son and was sent to a shelter in New York. She said when the woman turned 18, she was transferred to the Bergen County Jail by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and separated from her son, who was kept in a group home.

She said the woman was released on bond last month but was unable to reunite with her son for weeks. She said they were able to reunite and now live in Texas.

"It was very traumatizing for them," she said.

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