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Former Priest Ubaldo Roque Huerta Faces Criminal Charges

WINONA, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 18, 2022 – The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has recently learned that Ubaldo Roque Huerta has been charged with 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct of an adult. The alleged offense took place in Winona County in December of 2020. Mr. Roque Huerta was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester on June 28, 2008. Mr. Roque Huerta has not had an assignment within the Diocese since 2018 and his faculties were suspended in November of 2019. At the time of the alleged abuse, the Diocese was actively working toward his laicization.

Mr. Roque Huerta provided ministry for Hispanic communities within the Diocese. Among the parishes he served were: The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and Saint Casimir in Winona, Saint Charles Borromeo in Saint Charles, Saint Aloysius in Elba, Holy Redeemer in Eyota, and Saint Francis of Assisi in Rochester.

The Diocese has been working and cooperating with law enforcement regarding the allegations in this serious matter. The Diocese prays for the healing of all who have been abused and encourages anyone who has been victimized or assaulted to immediately report it to law enforcement. Abused persons are not at fault, and deserve proper care in their recovery.
