

Father Leo Charles Koppala



Fr. Leo Charles Koppala was born on April 19, 1966 in Kallambedu, India. He was ordained a priest of the Nellore Diocese on April 29, 1994. Fr. Koppala entered the Diocese of Winona on September 28, 2008. Fr. Koppala served at the following parishes throughout his tenure in the Diocese of Winona:

October 2008 – Resurrection, Rochester, MN

August 1, 2009 – Saints Peter and Paul, Blue Earth, MN and St. Mary, Winnebago, MN

June 10, 2013 – Placed on Administrative Leave

Fr. Koppala was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 2nd degree on June 10, 2013, at which time he was placed on administrative leave from the Diocese of Winona. On March 17, 2014 Fr. Koppala was sentenced and convicted for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 2nd degree involving a minor child. Fr. Koppala was deported from the United States of America to India on May 14, 2014.

The Diocese of Winona has made a full disclosure to the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith regarding Fr. Koppala's misconduct. Additionally, the Diocese of Winona has shared all information regarding this case with the Diocese of Nellore, India.