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## **Priest Faces Sex Abuse Charge**

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Rochester police arrested the Rev. Dennis Sewar, 54, on Friday, charging him with third-degree sexual abuse and endangering the welfare of a child. Police said the Roman Catholic priest was issued an appearance ticket and released.

According to the Diocese of Rochester's Catholic Courier, Sewar has been placed on indefinite leave at his own request. Bishop Matthew H. Clark granted the leave, effective June 28.

Sewar most recently served as pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Spencerport, where he had worked since 2003. He was ordained in 1983.

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