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## **Priest Resigns As Chaplain**

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THE priest accused by Manalapan cleric Rev. John Bambrick of sexually molesting him as a teenager has resigned from the chaplaincy of the Covenant Health System in Lubbock, Texas.

The Rev. Anthony Eremito, a chaplain with the Covenant Health System since 1998, submitted a letter of resignation to his superiors, effective July 4, said Eddie Owens, the company's director of public relations.

Owens could not quote the exact phrasing of the letter, but he said that Eremito indicated that he could no longer be an effective minister for the health-care company following media reports of Bambrick's allegations.

On June 9, Bambrick detailed his accusation that Eremito, then a visiting pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Keyport, sexually molested him during a six-month period.

Since then, Bambrick, now the pastor of St. Thomas More Church in Manalapan, has told his story to dozens of newspaper and television reporters. There has been no independent corroboration of Bambrick's allegations.

Catholic church officials say Eremito had been disciplined for actions related to prior service with the Archdiocese of New York but they won't say why he was disciplined.

Before resigning, Eremito was a manager in the Spiritual Care Department of the Covenant Health System in Lubbock, Owens said.

"He had supervisory responsibility over some chaplains," he said. "And he conducted priestly duties as a chaplain for adult patients. He had no responsibilities whatsoever for our children's hospital."

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