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Rochester Area Priest Faces Child Pornography Charges

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. Federal authorities allege in court papers that a Rochester-area Catholic priest possessed child pornography and visited Web sites that trafficked in child pornography.

The Reverend Michael Volino was charged this morning with interstate receipt of child pornography and possession of child pornography.

Child pornography was discovered by a technology specialist at the Diocese of Rochester who was repairing the 41-year-old priests computer.

That's according to an affidavit from the F-B-I.

Volino is a priest at Saint John the Evangelist Church of Greece.

The affidavit contends that Volino told the F-B-I that he had been involved in counseling for three years but had not stopped looking at child pornography.

Volino is currently on administrative leave and is not allowed to engage in public ministry.

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