



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



**Statement of Bishop Michael F. Olson to the Faithful Regarding
the Former Reverend Jeffrey J. Poirot**

October 24, 2024

I sadly inform the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth that after careful review of the documentation which I submitted relative to the schismatic actions of the then-Reverend Jeffrey J. Poirot, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith presented the case to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on September 23, 2024, decreed his dismissal from the clerical state. The defection from the Catholic Faith on the part of Mr. Poirot deeply saddens me and is a source of scandal to so many of the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth. In that regard, please know that Mr. Poirot is considered excommunicated *latae sententiae* from the Catholic Church. Please pray for him and for those adversely affected by this scandal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Michael F. Olson*

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