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Prosecutor Worthy Charges in Connection with Grosse Pointe Woods Our Lady Star of the Seas Church Embezzlement

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Frederick Anthony Petz, 59 of Grosse Pointe Woods with alleged \$90,000 embezzlement from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, located at 467 Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The defendant has been charged with Embezzlement, \$50,000 or more; a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison; two counts of Embezzlement from a non-profit up to \$1,000; a felony punishable by 10 years in prison and, Embezzlement, over \$20,000 but less than \$50,000, a felony punishable by 10 years in prison.

A discrepancy in the church accounts was discovered by Pastor Gary Smetanka and he notified the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese conducted an audit and the missing funds were traced back to Petz. Petz was acting as a volunteer/contract bookkeeper, working for Renaissance Vicariate and was given total control of the church's finances. Renaissance Vicariate oversees funding for a group of parishes.

The defendant is expected to make arraignment to turn himself into the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Office for arraignment on the warrant. Please contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department for additional information.

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