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Magaldi Passes Away

Father Philip Anthony Magaldi has passed away, the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth announced Wednesday.

Magaldi, 72, died Tuesday in a North Texas health care facility.

In February, Magaldi acknowledged to diocesan officials that he was HIV positive.

Magaldi was removed from active ministries in 1999 by the late Bishop Joseph Delaney after allegations of sexual misconduct arose in Rhode Island and Fort Worth.

Because of credible allegations of sexual misconduct, Bishop Vann removed all his faculties in 2006 and requested "laicization" of Magaldi, which was a request to remove Magaldi from clerical status. The request for the laicization process at the Holy See was pending at the time of his death. Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island Bishop Thomas J. Tobin supported the request for laicization.

"We pray for the repose of his soul," the diocese said.

Magaldi will be cremated and buried with his parents in Florida, according to his instructions.