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# Memo

To: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Parish Stewards  
From: Glen Faulkner – Parish Security Coordinator  
Date: September 11, 2023  
Re: UPDATE – Imposter Priest

On March 20, 2023, I distributed information about an individual who represents himself to be a Catholic priest in an effort to gain access to parish offices and/or rectories. Since that time, we have learned of more than 10 instances in which this man has accessed or attempted to access parish buildings in the Dioceses of Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Fresno, Orange, San Bernardino, Baker (Oregon), and Fargo (North Dakota). He has been recorded as he rummaged through parish office drawers and cabinets and is believed to be responsible for stealing cash from more than one rectory.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, this subject returned to the Sacramento Diocese and contacted staff at a parish office in the City of Sacramento claiming to be a priest with an appointment to meet with the parish priest who was still in the church celebrating Mass. He was not able to get inside any parish buildings and staff ultimately recognized him from the photograph included in the March 20 bulletin (below). This man was observed driving away from the parish in a silver passenger van similar to the model shown below.



Image from Sacramento Diocese parish (left) and Buddhist temple bulletin (right)  
Example of vehicle spotted in Sacramento (top)



Open-source information indicates this man also appeared at a Buddhist temple in Escondido in October 2022 where he was confronted by temple staff before leaving in a tan Honda Accord with a Washington State license of BYD4735. It is unknown if he is still affiliated with this car.

Clergy, staff, and parishioner safety is of utmost importance. Please do not allow any unknown individual to have access to rectories or non-public areas of the parish office. If this man is spotted on parish property, notify law enforcement and, if safe to do so, try to obtain a description and license plate number for the vehicle he is operating.