



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests, Deacons, Chancery Staff, Pastoral Ministers, Parish Secretaries

From: Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG
Chancellor

Date: August 10, 2026

Re: **Charges Withdrawn Against Reverend Rajan D'Sa, OCD**
Priestly Faculties Restored – August 6, 2026

We wish to provide an update regarding Fr. Rajan D'Sa, OCD, a member of the Discalced Carmelite Order and a priest who has served as Pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Oakville, since 2016 and most recently and Dean of Halton.

On or about March 23, 2026, Father D'Sa was charged with one (1) count of sexual assault. The Diocese of Hamilton takes seriously any allegation of misconduct and cooperates with civil authorities in the investigation into allegations of misconduct, recognizing that every individual is entitled to due process.

Fr. D'Sa has been maintaining his innocence since the beginning of the investigation. He was presumed innocent in the matter, and in fact, he was found innocent by the court July 24, 2026. The case was withdrawn at the request of the Crown Attorney's Office. Accordingly, Fr. D'Sa has no outstanding criminal charges.

We wish to make public the withdrawal of the charge against Fr. D'Sa to assist in restoring his reputation and declare that he is a priest in good standing with the faculties necessary to continue to exercise his priestly ministry, according to the wishes of his Religious Community.