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*The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, has released the following information:*

### **David L. Poulson laicized**

On March 5, 2019, David Lee Poulson, formerly a priest of the Diocese of Erie, was notified by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and with the approval of the Holy Father, that he was granted a dispensation from all the obligations attached to holy orders (priesthood). Because Mr. Poulson has now been removed from the clerical state, he is forbidden to function as a priest in the Catholic Church and should no longer present himself as a priest and not be admitted as a priest in the celebration of the sacraments.

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