



In relation to Legionary Father John O'Reilly's departure from Chile, the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ reports the following:

1. The General Director of the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ has informed Father John O'Reilly that he is to transfer to the house of the Legionaries of Christ at 677 Via Aurelia, Rome, Italy, once his presence in Chile is no longer required, now that he has officially served his civil sentence of four years' probation. Fr. John accepted this decision.
2. In Rome, he will not exercise public priestly ministry as he awaits judgment in the canonical process that is currently underway at the Holy See in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as previously announced in the [press release](#) dated October 13, 2018.
3. The Legion of Christ has cooperated and will continue to cooperate with the respective authorities in the civil and canonical proceedings.
4. As a congregation, we are deeply distressed by the suffering that these events have caused. Aware of the commitment we have as part of the Church, and in light of our institutional history, we are firmly committed to the care and protection of each of the children and young people who participate in our apostolic, educational and pastoral activities, as outlined in our official [Safe Environment Policy](#).
5. Fr. John O'Reilly was born in Ireland in 1946, entered the novitiate of the Congregation in 1965. He was ordained a priest in 1975 and worked in Chile from 1984 onward. In 2014, a criminal court in Santiago de Chile found him guilty of sexual abuse of a minor. He was sentenced to four years of probation, which ended on December 10, 2018.