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*Statement from the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, on the sentencing of Father David Poulson in Jefferson County today:*

This is a very sad moment for everyone who has been impacted by the crimes committed by Father David Poulson. It's my hope that the events of this day will bring a measure of healing to victims.

As part of his plea, Father Poulson agreed to seek laicization, meaning he will no longer be a member of the clergy. He has made the request, and the diocese has sent the necessary documents to the Vatican.

My prayers are with the victims, with the parish communities where David served, and with all those who are experiencing the pain of this situation.

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