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Miami priest learns he fathered a child

In late December, Monsignor Chanel Jeanty, pastor of Saint James Catholic Church, and the Archdiocese of Miami, learned that he fathered a child from a relationship that ended over a year ago.

The information did not come from the mother of the child but from another source. Monsignor Jeanty appropriately reached out to the mother and plans to contribute to the support of his child.

Monsignor Jeanty has already sought God's forgiveness, and he is asking for the forgiveness of his parishioners, who will be disappointed when they learn of his lapse. Monsignor Jeanty must face his parishioners and seek to regain their trust, as he continues to serve, and at the same time attends to his responsibilities to the child.

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