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**MEDIA
STATEMENT**

**September 30, 2025
For Immediate Release**

Statement from the Diocese of Madison Regarding Fr. Showers' Initial Appearance

Records released by Waupaca County Circuit Court stated that Fr. Andrew Showers made his initial court appearance on September 30, 2025. He appeared via video conferencing to face charges related to his arrest on Aug. 24, 2025. Fr. Showers waived his right to a preliminary hearing and stood mute, with the court entering a "not guilty" plea on his behalf. The next step in the case is a status conference scheduled for Dec. 3, 2025.

Fr. Showers continues to be completely restricted by the Diocese of Madison from all public ministry and is barred from having contact with minors while the case is ongoing.

Any allegations of sexual misconduct against minors by priests, deacons, or other church personnel should immediately be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials, as well as the Diocese of Madison's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line at 608-821-3162.

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