



Archdiocese of Las Vegas  
Phone: (702) 735-3500  
Fax: (702) 735-8941

## ARCHDIOCESE ISSUES STATEMENT ON MR. ADAM KOTAS

*Please share this notice with your friends and family:*

(October 4, 2024) – The Archdiocese of Las Vegas has been informed that Mr. Adam Kotas has returned to Las Vegas to reestablish a "church" in the metropolitan area. The Archdiocese wants the faithful to be fully informed: ***Mr. Kotas is no longer able to represent himself as a Catholic priest, and any attempt to establish a church or ministry that claims to offer valid and/or licit Catholic sacraments is a direct misrepresentation, since he is no longer a Catholic priest in good standing.***

Despite his claims on social media, Mr. Kotas was involuntarily laicized on December 18, 2023, with Pope Francis personally signing the final document. Laicization is a formal process that permanently removes all priestly functions, including celebrating Mass and administering Sacraments. Mr. Kotas had voluntarily left the Catholic Church by joining the "Polish National Catholic Church" (which is not in union with the Holy Father).

Mr. Kotas is prohibited by the Catholic Church from using the title "Father" or wearing clerical attire. All Sacraments or blessings performed by him after his laicization are seen as invalid and/or illicit by the Catholic Church (depending on the Sacrament). Additionally, he cannot bless religious items as a Catholic priest, and purchasing pre-blessed items is illicit (illegal) under Church law. For valid Sacraments or blessings, consult a Parish in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. To view a list of Catholic Parishes, visit: [www.lvcatholic.org/parishfinder](http://www.lvcatholic.org/parishfinder)

If you have questions about Sacraments attempted by Mr. Kotas, please contact the Tribunal Office of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas at 702-735-3500.

###