

Legionaries of Christ priest admits he fathered child

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A Catholic priest who has appeared on U.S. television as a Vatican analyst has admitted fathering a child out of wedlock.

The Rev. Thomas Williams, a member of the troubled Legionaries of Christ, said he is taking a leave of absence to reflect on his commitments as a priest, ABC News reported Wednesday.

Williams, who has been stationed in Rome, has appeared on U.S. television news programs and was interviewed by ABC in 2010 about the order after the late founder of Legionaries of Christ Marcial Maciel was denounced by the Vatican for sexual improprieties.

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