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Diocese of Metuchen Statement on the arrest of Luis Felipe Batista February 8, 2017

The Diocese of Metuchen was informed today of the arrest of Luis Felipe Batista, 21, who served as volunteer at Holy Trinity Church, part of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Perth Amboy. We are disturbed and saddened by this allegation.

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office with Perth Amboy Police Department has charged Batista with endangering the welfare of a child and has notified the Diocese of the allegations.

According to our long standing policy, the Diocese is cooperating fully with law enforcement officials and will continue to cooperate during the investigation process.

The Diocese is committed to being as transparent and open as possible about this matter with members of the community.

Today and in the days ahead, we offer our deepest prayers for all parties affected by this matter, especially the alleged victim and his family.