



# Office of Communication

## Archdiocese of San Antonio

**Official Statement**  
**February 27, 2011,**

### **Official Statement Concerning lawsuit involving accusations of sexual misconduct with a minor by Rev. Theo Clerx**

Consistent with its policy, The Archdiocese of San cannot comment on the facts surrounding a recent lawsuit filed concerning allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor by Father Theo Clerx, a member of the religious order, the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Now that the lawsuit has been filed, we believe that the courtroom is the best place for a proper airing all the facts involved in this case.

Father Clerx served as a priest in the Archdiocese of San Antonio beginning in 1959 through 1992. During that time the CICM's also assigned him to service in the Dominican Republic and Belgium. While in the Archdiocese of San Antonio Clerx worked in the following parishes:

- St. Augusta Church(Now St. Jude) in San Antonio – 1959-1966
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pearsall, TX-1986
- St. Joseph's Church in Devine-1986-1987
- St. John Berchmans Church in San Antonio-1988-1992

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller said in response to this suit; "We continue to pray for the healing anyone who is the victim of abuse and remain committed to work toward making all Catholic institutions in the archdiocese a place of safety, love and peace for all of our people through the work of our Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment, our many faithful priests and deacons, lay parish leaders and volunteers to continue our age appropriate training and prevention programs. Through the years we have reached literally thousands of children and adults in our archdiocese."

If anyone has questions or concerns in regard to Father Clerx's time of ministry in the archdiocese or any other assignments he may have had, please contact Father Anselme Malonda, Provincial of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at (703) 528-3800 or please notify Mr. Steve Martinez, Director of the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or 877-700-1888.