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## URGENT PRESS RELEASE REGARDING EX-PRIEST THOMAS TECZAR

Today, Attorney Tahira Khan Merritt of Dallas has learned that ex-priest Thomas Teczar, currently serving a 50 year prison sentence in Texas for aggravated sexual assault of a child, is being considered for "medical parole."

Teczar, formerly a priest with the Diocese of Fort Worth and the Diocese of Worcester, MA, has been accused of molesting at least fourteen boys over his career as a priest. To allow Teczar to be released on parole would create a dangerous public precedence for offending clergy currently incarcerated for child abuse charges throughout the country. Teczar has been and is still a danger to children and to the public regardless of where he lives. He should not be paroled.

Please take the time TODAY to fax your concerns regarding Teczar's possible release to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice–Parole Division at (512) 406-5294.

Ms. Merritt has represented eight of Teczar's victim in civil lawsuits in Texas and was appointed a Special Prosecutor in Eastland County for Teczar's criminal case. For further information, please contact Ms. Merritt at (214) 503-7300.