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**STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
REGARDING FATHER DON FLICKINGER**

(August 11, 2011) SAN FRANCISCO – According to local news media, a San Jose man has filed a lawsuit against a priest whom he has accused of sexually abusing him as a 13-year-old boy, 10 years ago. The media incorrectly identifies the priest, now retired, as a priest of the Archdiocese of Francisco. Father Flickinger is 75 years of age and is a priest of the Diocese of Fresno. During the mid-1980s, he ministered in the Archdiocese as Director of Development. He returned as a retired priest of the Diocese of Fresno with the necessary document attesting to his good character from his diocese, to live at Saint Paul Parish in San Francisco for several years until last spring. He is not a priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He does not have faculties of the Archdiocese, does not exercise any ministry here, and does not reside in this Archdiocese. For more information about Father Flickinger, contact the Diocese of Fresno.

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