

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Statement on Nguyen Sexual Abuse Lawsuit

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth expresses its deep concern for the women who have alleged in a lawsuit filed today that they were sexually abused by Dominican priest, Rev. Joseph Ngoc Tu Nguyen O.P, who formerly served in the diocese. Nguyen was one of seven priests whose files were made public in June 2005 by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. He is a priest of the Southern Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres.

“Any form of sexual abuse is a tragic violation of an individual’s God-given right to exercise control over their own bodies and their own behavior,” Bishop Kevin Vann said. “Keeping children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from inappropriate sexual behavior is a high priority of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth.”

Father Nguyen was ordained in Vietnam by the Dominicans. His assignments in the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth were:

St. Matthew Catholic Church (Arlington): 1975-1977

St. Michael Catholic Church (Bedford): 1979-1980

St. Matthew Catholic Church (Arlington): 1980-1993

The Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth invites anyone who wishes to report sexual misconduct on the part of anyone who serves the church to contact Victims’ Assistance Coordinator Judy Locke at 817 560-3300, Ext. 201 or Father E. James Hart at 817 560-3300, Ext. 104.