



Chicago, Illinois  
May 29, 2014

### Notice to Province

Dear Brothers,

I am sorry to inform you that Fr. Bruce Wellems, C.M.F. has resigned as Pastor of San Gabriel Mission.

During a review of his file, it was found that in the early 1970's, when he was a teenager, he was involved in inappropriate conduct with a younger child. When the matter was reported in the 1990's, it was addressed by him, the Province, and the Archdiocese where he was assigned.

In all of his years of ministry as a priest there have been no accusations of child abuse. Still, given the current "zero tolerance" standards and out of respect for the Congregation and all who may be impacted by these matters, he has asked to be relieved as Pastor and will no longer be involved in public ministry.

Please keep him and all victims of abuse in your prayers.

Faternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rosendo Urrabazo', written in a cursive style.

Rosendo Urrabazo, CMF  
Provincial Superior

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Dear Brothers,

Please disregard and delete the e-mail I sent to you yesterday regarding the situation of our brother Bruce Wellem's.

Shortly after that e-mail was sent to you I received word that the Archdiocese was in the process of reconsidering its decision. I will give further explanation at the Assembly.

Again, please disregard and delete the last e-mail I sent you. If you have forwarded the e-mail to others please ask them to do the same.

Please keep Bruce and his family in your prayers.

Fraternally,

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