



June 20, 2006

Statement of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee regarding Father Thomas Crandall:

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is saddened by the circumstances surrounding Father Thomas Crandall, who was sentenced June 20 to five years on each of two counts handed down by a jury in Gulf County on May 31, 2006. The Diocese extends its pastoral concern for any victims of crime perpetrated by church personnel and for any harm they may have experienced, and remains committed to protecting the safety and well-being of all who seek ministry and pastoral care from representatives of the Church.