

**Statement Concerning Bill Heller's Deposition Testimony
Given On May 18, 2004**

On May 18, 2004, Bill Heller gave testimony under oath in the *John Does 10 and 11 vs. The Catholic Diocese of Jackson et al.* lawsuit. This case involves allegations of abuse from 1973 and 1963. The lawsuit does not name St. Joseph School as a defendant and does not involve any allegations of misconduct by Reverend Stein. Mr. Heller was asked questions about the hiring and termination of Reverend Jim Stein in 2001/2002. He testified as follows:

- (1) Mr. Heller has been the principal at St. Joseph High School since the fall of 2000.
- (2) Mr. Heller did not know of Reverend Stein's previous misdemeanor conviction before Reverend Stein was hired to teach religion for the 2001-2002 school year.
- (3) Reverend Stein provided a valid Wisconsin teaching certificate and obtained a valid Mississippi teaching certificate. He also was hired to teach at Jackson State University.
- (4) **In 2002, as soon as Mr. Heller found out about the Wisconsin criminal charge, Reverend Stein was terminated and asked to return to Wisconsin.**
- (5) Mr. Heller met with the students and faculty twice in the week following Reverend Stein's termination of employment, told them of the "abuse" allegations, and encouraged the students to come forward with any complaints.
- (6) Neither the school nor the Diocese has received any complaints of sexual misconduct from any students concerning Reverend's Stein tenure at St. Joseph School.