

Media Release

To: Media Inquiries

From: Teresa Dominguez, Chancellor

Re: Arrest of Jon Aleczander Sweet, Garces Memorial High School

Cc: Mr. Richard Sexton, Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Ms. Kathleen Bears, Principal

Date: April 2, 2013

An employee of Garces Memorial High School in Bakersfield, California, Jon Aleczander "Alex" Sweet, has been arrested by Bakersfield Police Department for "unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor and sexual exploitation of a child" involving a female student of Garces Memorial High School. Due to the sensitive nature of this situation, legal restrictions regarding personnel issues, and law enforcement's ongoing investigation, additional information is not available at this time.

In cooperation with the Bakersfield Police Department, we urge anyone with information regarding this investigation to contact the Bakersfield Police Department at (661) 327-7111 or Detective John Rodrigues at (661) 326-3870.

School parents have been notified of this event. School Counselors are available for students who would like to discuss any particular concerns this issue raises. The Diocesan Safe Environment Manager and Victim Assistance Coordinator, Ms. Cheryl Sarkisian, is also available to offer assistance and can be reached at (559) 493-2882.