

## **Statement from Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, regarding the retirement of Father David Garcia**

Father David Garcia leaves a tremendous legacy to the Church and community of San Antonio upon his retirement. His varied ministries – serving on the committee for the visit of Pope St. John Paul II, as secretary to Archbishop Patrick Flores, as rector of San Fernando Cathedral, and as director of the Old Spanish Missions, among others – has been a blessing to this archdiocese and civically as well. While he is greatly admired for his administrative and fundraising skills, he is, first and above all, a pastor and a priest of Christ. He is a tremendous homilist who is well respected by his brothers in the presbyterate, and will still be celebrating Masses locally as he steps away from office work. Everyone is praying for Father David in this next phase of his priestly journey; that God will bless him with many more years of service for the Lord's Church.