## CAUSE NO. 141-252083-11

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, et al.	§ §	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
v.	\$1 \$1 \$1	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
FRANKLIN SALAZAR, et al.,	§ §	141ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF DIRECT APPEAL

Defendants The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, et al. file this Notice of Direct Appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

- 1. This Notice of Appeal is taken from the Trial Court's Amended Order on Summary Judgment signed on February 8, 2011 in Cause No. 141-237105-09, The Episcopal Church, et al. v. Franklin Salazar, et al, by the Honorable John Chupp, Presiding Judge of the 141st Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas.
- 2. The foregoing order was interlocutory when signed, but became final when the Trial Court granted Defendants' Motion to Sever on April 5, 2011. Pursuant to the Order of Severance, the district clerk assigned a new cause number to the severed action, Cause No. 141-252083-11 and transferred the Amended Order and relevant documents to that file.
- 3. This Notice of Direct Appeal is timely, as it is filed less than 30 days after the Amended Order became final by virtue of severance on April 5, 2011.

- 4. A direct appeal to the Texas Supreme Court is available in this case pursuant to Article V, Section 3-b of the Texas Constitution, section 22.001(c) of the Texas Government Code, and Rule 57 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.
  - The parties filing this Notice of Appeal are:

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 13, 2011, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Direct Appeal* was forwarded to all counsel of record by facsimile.

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