



(UPDATED)

**STATEMENT ON REVEREND YOZEFU SSEMAKULA
AND *THE HEALING OF FAMILIES***

Reverend Yozefu Ssemakula is an incardinated priest in good standing in the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. His healing of families ministry/seminar is not a ministry of the diocese and does not enjoy any particular endorsement from the bishop. In addition, his book, *The Healing of Families*, was originally published without any ecclesial approbation and has not received an *Imprimatur* or *Nihil Obstat*. Fr. Ssemakula requested these canonical designations after the book was published when he presented his manuscript to Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who was at the time, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Archbishop Wenski asked Reverend Juan Quijano, S.T.D., a professor at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, FL, to review the manuscript. Fr. Quijano noted errors with his text in the area of theology and presented his findings to Archbishop Wenski and Fr. Ssemakula. He stated that the book could not be given the requested *Imprimatur* and *Nihil Obstat* unless these errors were corrected.

Furthermore, I have received various reviews from those who have attended his seminars which are based on the content of his book. Some have found the seminar to be very helpful, while others have found his theological conclusions to be erroneous. I have also received requests from various individuals who wish to know the position of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee on his book and seminars.

Therefore, I asked the *Censor Librorum* of our diocese, Reverend Hector Perez, S.T.D., to review all materials written by Fr. Ssemakula to determine if an *Imprimatur* and *Nihil Obstat* can be granted. He has also determined that the requested canonical designations cannot be granted at this time. Fr. Ssemakula has been informed of this and is currently working to remedy the situation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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