

## Priest gets 10 years probation

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest was sentenced to 10 years probation Tuesday after earlier pleading no contest to a charge of sexually abusing a 7-year-old Port Arthur boy.

Criminal District Court Judge Larry Gist also told the Rev. Jude Sivcoski he is barred from any church youth activities during his probation.

Sivcoski has been coordinator of Catholic Youth Organization activities in the Beaumont diocese.

The 30-year-old priest pleaded no contest on March 8 to having sexual relations last Dec. 8 with the boy at his home in Port Arthur.

Sivcoski, who is on leave of absence from his church duties, is an assistant pastor at the Assumption Catholic Church in Beaumont.

Judge Gist warned that if probation is revoked for any reason, he would sentence the priest to the maximum 20 years in prison.