

## Testimonial of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

Address:

Your Excellency / Your Eminency,

Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ is seeking to exercise pastoral ministry as priest / deacon in Your Diocese for the period \_\_\_\_\_

I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records which we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with him in the works he has been assigned under our authority. Based on these inquiries, and on my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of those statements listed below which I have checked off and initialed:

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He is a priest/deacon in good standing in the Diocese / Order / Congregation of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) No criminal charges have ever been brought against him, and he has no criminal record.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might engage in sexual behavior inconsistent with his status as a Catholic priest/deacon.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might deal with minors in an inappropriate manner.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He does not have a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He does not have a current, untreated emotional or mental health problem.

\_\_\_\_ ( ) He has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which would adversely affect his performance as a priest/deacon.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, Reverend \_\_\_\_\_

is a priest/deacon of good moral character and reputation, and is qualified to serve as a priest/deacon in Your Diocese in an effective and suitable manner for the above mentioned time period with the understanding that such ministry will cease at the end of this time, and is not undertaken for the purpose of seeking incardination in Your Diocese.

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Signature

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Title

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Date