



**ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of ORANGE**

PASTORAL CENTER: BISHOP'S OFFICE
13280 CHAPMAN AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

Testimonial of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, JCD, DD
Bishop of Orange
13280 Chapman Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Bishop Vann:

Reverend _____, is seeking to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Orange from _____ to _____ at the parish/center of _____ for the occasion of _____. 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 in good standing of _____.
(Diocese of Incardination or Religious Institute)
- _____ ☐ 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 priestly celibacy.
- _____ ☐ 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.
- _____ ☐ On _____ **Rev.** _____ completed Safe Environment Education as part
(date) (name of priest)
of the compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

Based on my inquiries and my own personal knowledge, _____ is a man of good moral character and reputation, and is qualified to serve as a priest in an effective and suitable manner if he should be granted a temporary assignment in the Diocese of Orange.

The Diocese of _____ agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Diocese of Orange for any loss, damage, and liability of any kind, in the event that any of the representations made in this Testimonial are incorrect, incomplete, or inaccurate. I hereby grant him permission to seek to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Orange for a period of _____, and is not undertaken for the purpose of seeking incardination in the Diocese of Orange.

Signature

Title

Seal

Date