

TESTIMONIAL

of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

His Excellency
Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton
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Dear Bishop O'Connell:

The **Reverend** _____ is seeking to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Trenton. 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 or Religious Congregation)

_____ 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 has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might be suffering from alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.

_____ He has no mental, moral, emotional, or physical condition which might adversely affect his performance as a priest.

_____ He has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which might adversely affect his performance as a priest.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, I certify that **Reverend** _____ is a man of good moral character and reputation, and is fully qualified to serve as a priest in an effective and suitable manner in the Diocese of Trenton.

I hereby grant him permission to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Trenton at _____
(Place)

_____ for a period of _____ with the understanding that such ministry is temporary
(Town)

and not undertaken for the purpose of seeking incardination in the Diocese of Trenton.

Date: _____

Signature of Ordinary

(SEAL)

Title