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LETTER OF SUITABILITY FOR CLERGY

In accordance with Guidelines approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, this is to certify that (provide name on line, below):

Reverend _____

(born _____ and ordained to the (*underline one of the following:*) permanent diaconate/priesthood on the following date _____) is in good standing with the Arch/Diocese/Province of _____. He is currently assigned as follows: _____

_____ and is coming on the following date _____ to the following parish _____ for the following ministry _____. With this attestation, to the best of my knowledge and after reviewing his file and consulting if necessary with others, I am able to make following statements regarding _____:

- ___ He is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- ___ I know of nothing which would in any way limit or disqualify him from serving at a parish.
- ___ I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children or any person who habitually lacks reason.
- ___ I am unaware of any incident in which he may have been involved which would adversely affect his performance in a parish setting.
- ___ To the best of my knowledge, he does not have a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem, nor does he have a current untreated emotional or mental health problem.
- ___ He is in compliance with our policies and procedures related to the protection of children and young people.
- ___ He is a U.S. Citizen; ___ He is travelling on a tourist visa; ___ He is travelling on an R-1 visa.

Please know that I am available to answer any additional questions you may have about this priest/deacon/seminarian, and can be reached at _____, or by email:

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Please affix the seal of the diocese or province

Printed: _____

Title: _____

Today's Date: _____; Effective Dates: _____