

NORMS FOR SPEAKERS IN THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE

Just as a supply priest must have a letter of recommendation from his diocesan bishop or superior before serving in a parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne, speakers or persons serving in a capacity of authority, whether religious or lay, must also be approved by the Bishop of Cheyenne or his designee.

Those in charge of organizing church events or other Catholic sponsored events must seek approval from the Bishop of Cheyenne or his designee, before inviting the speaker(s) or scheduling such event. This would include missions, conferences, retreats, or gatherings of any type, in which the laity are invited to parishes, schools, Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, etc. This permission is needed whether these events take place in Catholic or non-Catholic facilities, as long as they are being sponsored by a Catholic organization.

When organizing these events, it is important to be particularly careful not to invite those who have taken clear positions on various issues which would be contrary to Church teaching or doctrine. Such persons should not be invited to represent the Church or undertake those functions which appear to represent the Church or its officials.

A testimonial for suitability, signed by the ordinary or superior, or the designated representative of the ordinary or superior of the speaker, is required for all visiting priests, deacons, members of religious communities, and lay speakers at Church-affiliated, sponsored, or hosted events. The name, parish and/or organization of the individual who invited the speaker, must be included on the form as well as the date, time, and location of the event.

(See Attachments 1-4)

Only upon written approval by the diocesan bishop or his designee, may the speaker then be invited to the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Revised on February 22, 2020, on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The Most Reverend Steven R. Biegler, DD, STL
Bishop of Cheyenne

Jean Chrostoski
Chancellor

TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE
of Suitability for Lay Presenter

RETURN TO:

Chancellor
Diocese of Cheyenne
PO Box 1468
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Organization requesting ministry/presentation:

Contact person name, phone number and email:

Date, Time and Location of the Event:

Dear Chancellor:

_____ is being considered as a speaker in the Diocese of Cheyenne. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with this individual in the works he/she 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:

(v) (initials)

_____ He/she is a member of good standing of the parish and diocese of

(Parish, City, Diocese)

_____ A criminal background check has been completed on him/her, no criminal charges have ever been brought against him/her, nor does he/she have any criminal record.

_____ No unresolved accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him/her, nor has he/she ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he/she has never acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.

_____ He/she has satisfied our diocesan requirements for safe environment training and associated background investigation.

Based on my inquiries and my personal knowledge, _____ is an individual of good moral character and reputation.

(SEAL)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE
of Suitability for Religious Presenter

RETURN TO:

Chancellor
Diocese of Cheyenne
PO Box 1468
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Organization requesting ministry/presentation:

Contact person name, phone number and email:

Date, Time and Location of the Event:

Dear Chancellor:

_____ is being considered as a speaker in the Diocese of Cheyenne. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with this individual in the works he/she 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:

(v) (initials)

_____ He/she is a member of good standing of

(Congregation/Order/Religious Community - location)

_____ A criminal background check has been completed on him/her, no criminal charges have ever been brought against him/her, nor does he/she have any criminal record.

_____ No unresolved accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him/her, nor has he/she ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he/she has never acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.

_____ He/she has satisfied our Community's requirements for safe environment training and associated background investigation.

Based on my inquiries and my personal knowledge, _____ is an individual of good moral character and reputation.

(SEAL)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE
of Suitability for Diaconate Ministry

RETURN TO:

Chancellor
Diocese of Cheyenne
PO Box 1468
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Organization requesting ministry/presentation:

Contact person name, phone number and email:

Date, Time and Location of the Event:

Dear Chancellor:

The Deacon _____ is to exercise diaconate ministry/speak in the Diocese of Cheyenne. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with this individual in the works he/she 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:

(v) (initials)

_____ He is a deacon of good standing whose faculties are still in force in

(Diocese)

_____ He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined, a warning notwithstanding, nor have any criminal charges ever brought against him nor does he have any criminal record.

_____ No unresolved accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him, nor has he ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with his diaconate vows, nor has he ever acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he has never suffered from alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.

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

_____ He has satisfied our diocesan requirements for safe environment training and associated background investigation.

Based on my inquiries and my personal knowledge, Deacon _____ is a man of good moral character and reputation.

(SEAL)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE
of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

RETURN TO:

Chancellor
Diocese of Cheyenne
PO Box 1468
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Organization requesting ministry/presentation:

Contact person name, phone number and email:

Date, Time and Location of the Event:

Dear Chancellor:

The Reverend _____ is to exercise priestly ministry/speak in the Diocese of Cheyenne. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with this individual in the works he has been assigned under our authority. Based on these inquires, and on my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of those statements listed below which I have checked off and initialed:

(v) (initials)

_____ He is a priest of good standing whose faculties are still in force in

(Diocese)

_____ He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined, a warning notwithstanding, nor have any criminal charges ever brought against him nor does he have any criminal record.

_____ No unresolved accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him, nor has he ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with his prysbeteral vows, nor has he ever acted in an inappropriate manner with minors.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he has never suffered from alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.

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

_____ He has satisfied our diocesan requirements for safe environment training and associated background investigation.

Based on my inquiries and my personal knowledge, Reverend _____ is a man of good moral character and reputation.

(SEAL)

SIGNATURE

TITLE