



Testimonial of a Suitability of a Prospective Speaker Who is a Religious

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Sister/Brother _____, a member of _____
[Religious Institute] is seeking to serve as a speaker in the Diocese of Raleigh. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records we maintain and I have consulted with those who served with him/her in the ministry to which he/she has been appointed under our authority. Based on these inquiries, I am able to make each of the following statements, which I now verify regarding Sister/Brother _____.

- _____ He/She is in good standing.
- _____ He/She has never been canonically disciplined.
- _____ No criminal charges have ever been brought against him/her nor does he/she have a criminal record.
- _____ He/She has never behaved in such a manner as to indicate that he/she might engage in sexual behavior inconsistent with his/her status.
- _____ He/She has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he/she might deal with minors in an inappropriate manner.
- _____ He/She does not have a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.
- _____ He/She does not have a current, untreated emotional or mental health problem.
- _____ He/She has, as mandated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, participated in a *Virtus* or *Presidium* or other approved training session on how to provide a safe environment for children and young people.
- _____ He/She has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which called into question his/her fitness or suitability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of his/her ministry.
- _____ He/She is a person fully qualified to serve as an effective speaker in union with the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church with respect to faith and morals.

In addition to the information provided above, I state that Sister/Brother _____ is a person of good moral character and reputation and is qualified to serve in an effective and suitable manner. I hereby grant him/her permission to seek to exercise his/her service in the Diocese of Raleigh for the purpose of public speaking located at _____ (Parish, Retreat Center, other) in _____, NC for the period of _____. Note: should the period of ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh extend beyond one month, a background check must be completed and submitted by the religious to the Office of the Vicar General and the results assessed prior to beginning any service in the Diocese of Raleigh.

Signature

Print Name

Title
(Major Superior, Provincial)

Affix Seal

Date