



Testimonial of Suitability for the Ministry of a Religious in the Diocese of Raleigh

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Sister/Brother \_\_\_\_\_, a member of \_\_\_\_\_  
[Religious Institute] is seeking to exercise ministry 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 never engaged in any financial irregularities related to his ministry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Title  
(Major Superior, Provincial)

*Affix Seal*

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Date