TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

Most Reverend David A. Zubik Bishop of Pittsburgh 111 Boulevard of the Allies Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Dear Bishop Zubik:

The Reverend ________ seeks to take up residence, be given faculties and/or exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that 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:

(X)	(initials)	
		He is a priest in good standing whose faculties are still in force in
		(DIOCESE or RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION)
		He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined, a warning notwithstanding, nor have any criminal charges ever been brought against him nor does he have any criminal record.
		To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with priestly celibacy, 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.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, the 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 if he should be granted a residence, be given faculties and/or an assignment in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

I hereby grant him permission to take up residence and request faculties and/or seek to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for a period of ______ with the understanding that such ministry is temporary and not undertaken for the purpose of seeking incardination in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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TITLE