

**DIOCESE OF MADISON  
TESTIMONIAL OF SUITABILITY  
FOR PRIESTLY MINISTRY**



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The Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ is seeking to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Madison. In accordance with the guidelines approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, this document verifies that Father \_\_\_\_\_ is a priest of the Roman Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who is suitable for priestly ministry. Based on a review of his personnel file and my own personal knowledge and experience, I confidently attest to the accuracy of the following statements by certifying and initialing that:

**[Please check each box and initial within the parenthesis each true statement below]**

- ( ) He is a priest canonically suitable for ministry.
- ( ) He is not suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.
- ( ) No criminal charges have ever been brought against him, and he has no criminal record.
- ( ) He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might engage in sexual behavior inconsistent with priestly celibacy.
- ( ) He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might deal with minors in an inappropriate manner.
- ( ) He does not have a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.
- ( ) He does not have a current, untreated emotional or mental health problem.
- ( ) He has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which would adversely affect his performance as a priest.
- ( ) He has participated in Safe Environment Awareness Training (e.g. VIRTUS).
- ( ) A criminal background check has been completed with no concerns raised.
- ( ) He has the habitual priestly faculty to hear confessions by virtue of office or by concession of the Ordinary.

Father \_\_\_\_\_ is a man of good moral character and reputation and is qualified to serve in an effective and suitable manner as a priest in the Diocese of Madison. I have no reason to suspect that the above-mentioned priest is unfit to carry out his priestly ministry. I fully endorse and support his celebration of the Sacraments, in particular \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Catholic Church in \_\_\_\_\_, Wisconsin, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

I unhesitatingly recommend that he be admitted to exercise priestly ministry in the Diocese of Madison under your authorization for the period of \_\_\_ day(s) beginning \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Signature

*(Arch)Diocesan Seal*

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Title/(Arch)Diocese

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Date