

**TESTIMONIAL OF SUITABILITY FOR MINISTRY – DIOCESAN CLERGY**

To:	<i>(Bishop of the receiving Diocese)</i>		
From:	<i>(sponsoring Bishop)</i>		
Address:			
Tel:			
Concerning:	<i>(full name of visiting priest or deacon)</i>	DOB:	
Parish in which ministry is being undertaken:			
This cleric is a: PRIEST / DEACON <i>(please circle whichever is appropriate)</i>			
<p>The Rev ..... of the Diocese of ..... is seeking to exercise ministry in your jurisdiction. Having carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that I hold; based on these and on my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of the following statements which I have initialled:</p> <p><i>(NB - If you are unable to make one or more of the following statements, but would still claim that the priest or deacon is in good standing and that you would recommend him for ministry, please explain clearly the details and your reasons on the reverse side of this document.)</i></p>			
	He is a priest or deacon under my jurisdiction and is in good standing.		
	He has never been 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 is likely to deal with children or vulnerable adults in an inappropriate manner nor have any allegations ever been made against him with respect to such inappropriate behaviour.		
	He does not have an unresolved problem with alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.		
	He enjoys good physical and mental health and is not in need of medical treatment.		
	He is sufficiently fluent in the English language to enable him to undertake public active ministry.		
I hereby grant him permission to seek to exercise the ordained ministry in your jurisdiction in England and Wales for a period of ..... from ..... with the understanding that such a ministry is of a temporary nature.			
This document issued on: ..... and is valid until: ..... <i>(maximum 12 months from date of issue)</i>			
Signature:		Date:	

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Please affix official seal of Diocese

**TESTIMONIAL OF SUITABILITY FOR MINISTRY – RELIGIOUS CLERGY**

To:	<i>(Bishop of the receiving Diocese/Major Superior of the receiving Province)</i>		
From:	<i>(Congregational Leader)</i>		
Address:			
Tel:			
Concerning:	<i>(full name of visiting priest or deacon)</i>	DOB:	
Parish or jurisdiction in which ministry is to be undertaken:			
This cleric is a: PRIEST / DEACON <i>(please circle whichever is appropriate)</i>			
<p>The Rev ..... who is a member of the .....          ..... Province/Region/Abbey of .....  <i>(name of Institute)</i> is seeking to exercise ministry in your jurisdiction. Having carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that I hold; based on these and on my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of the following statements which I have initialled:  <i>(NB - If you are unable to make one or more of the following statements, but would still claim that the priest or deacon is in good standing and that you would recommend him for ministry, please explain clearly the details and your reasons on the reverse side of this document.)</i></p>			
	He is a priest or deacon under my jurisdiction and is in good standing.		
	He has never been 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 is likely to deal with children or vulnerable adults in an inappropriate manner nor have any allegations ever been made against him with respect to such inappropriate behaviour.		
	He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate he might engage in sexual behaviour inconsistent with priestly celibacy.		
	He does not have an unresolved problem with alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.		
	He enjoys good physical and mental health and is not in need of medical treatment.		
	He is sufficiently fluent in the English language to enable him to undertake public active ministry.		
I hereby grant him permission to seek to exercise the ordained ministry in your jurisdiction in England and Wales for a period of ..... from ..... with the understanding that such a ministry is of a temporary nature.			
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Signature:		Date:	

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**TESTIMONIAL OF SUITABILITY FOR MINISTRY – NON-ORDAINED RELIGIOUS**

To:	<i>(Congregational Leader of receiving Province)</i>		
From:	<i>(Congregational Leader)</i>		
Address:			
Tel:			
Concerning:	<i>full name of visiting Religious)</i>	DOB:	
Jurisdiction in which ministry is to be undertaken:			
This Religious is a: BROTHER / SISTER <i>(please circle whichever is appropriate)</i>			
<p>Br/Sr ..... who is a member of the .....          ..... Province of .....<i>(name of Institute)</i> is seeking to exercise ministry in your jurisdiction. Having carefully reviewed our personnel files and all other records that I hold; based on these and on my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of the following statements which I have initialled:</p> <p><i>(NB - If you are unable to make one or more of the following statements, but would still claim that the religious Brother or Sister is in good standing and that you would recommend him or her for ministry, please explain clearly the details and your reasons on the reverse side of this document.)</i></p>			
	He/She is a brother or sister under my jurisdiction and is in good standing.		
	He/She has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.		
	No criminal charges have ever been brought against him/her and he/she has no criminal record.		
	He/She has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he/she is likely to deal with children or vulnerable adults in an inappropriate manner nor have any allegations ever been made against him/her with respect to such inappropriate behaviour.		
	He/She has never behaved in such a way as to indicate he might engage in sexual behaviour inconsistent with religious chastity.		
	He/She does not have an unresolved problem with alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.		
	He/She enjoys good physical and mental health and is not in need of medical treatment.		
	He/She is sufficiently fluent in the English language to enable him/her to undertake public active ministry.		
I hereby grant him/her permission to seek to exercise a non-ordained ministry within your jurisdiction in England and Wales, with the understanding that such a ministry is of a temporary nature.			
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Signature:		Date:	

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