



ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

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TESTIMONIAL TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON of Suitability for Ministry

Dear Cardinal Wuerl:

Deacon _____ seeks to take up residence, be given faculties and/or exercise ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington on _____ at _____ for the purpose of _____. 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:

(√) (initials)

_____ He is a cleric in good standing and continues to enjoy the faculties in _____
_____. (DIOCESE)

_____ He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined, a warning not withstanding, nor have any criminal charges ever been brought against him nor does he have any criminal record. He has had a criminal background check which is on file in our Priests Personnel Office.

_____ No accusations of misconduct have ever been made against him, nor has he ever been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which has led to potential or public scandal.

_____ To the best of my knowledge, he has never engaged in sexual behavior inconsistent with the diaconate, 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 deacon.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, I attest that Deacon _____ is a man of good moral character and reputation and is fully qualified to serve as a deacon in an effective and suitable manner if he should be given faculties in the Archdiocese of Washington.

(SEAL)

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE