



# ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

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## Testimonial to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

Your Excellency,

The Reverend \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to take up residence, be given faculties and/or exercise priestly ministry in the \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

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| _____ | _____ | He is a priest in good standing whose faculties are still in force in the Archdiocese of Washington.   |
| _____ | _____ | 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 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, I attest that 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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