



Certificate of Aptitude for Priestly Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami

I, the undersigned, _____, Ordinary of the Arch/Diocese of _____, (city and country), hereby certify that Father _____ is a priest in good standing from our Arch/Diocese who enjoys all the faculties for the exercise of his priestly ministry.

After reviewing his personal file, checking with those who worked with him in previous assignments, and from my own personal knowledge of the subject, I am able to certify without qualification that:

1. He is a priest in good standing.
2. He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.
3. No criminal charges have ever been brought against him nor does he have a criminal record.
4. He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might deal with minors or adults in an inappropriate manner.
5. He does not have a current untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.
6. He does not have a current, untreated emotional or mental health problem.
7. He has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which called into question his fitness or suitability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of his priestly life and ministry.
8. He has, as mandated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, participated in an approved training session on how to provide a safe environment for children and young people.
9. He is a person fully qualified to serve as an effective speaker in union with the *Magisterium* of the Roman Catholic Church with respect to faith and morals.
10. He has a current clean background check with is on file in the Chancery Office.

I am able to state without qualification that Fr. _____ is of good character and reputation and qualified to perform his priestly duties. I hereby grant him permission to pursue pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami for a period of up to one year, with the understanding that such ministry is temporary and not aimed at incardination.

For international priests in lieu of the usual US national and local fingerprints, a background check of their home country is required along with this certificate.

Signature _____

L.S.

Title _____

Date _____