

TESTIMONIAL of SUITABILITY FOR PRIESTLY MINISTRY
(Temporary Diocesan Assignment)

Rev. James Proffitt, Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Baltimore
320 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Fr. Proffitt:

The **Rev.** _____ is seeking to exercise priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I have carefully reviewed our personnel files, and all other records which 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 **initialed**:

_____ He is a priest in good standing of _____
(Diocese or Religious Congregation)

_____ He has never been involved in any incident, to my knowledge, which might adversely affect his performance as a priest.

_____ He has no mental, moral, emotional, or physical condition, which might adversely affect his performance as a priest.

_____ He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might be suffering from alcoholism or other forms of substance abuse.

_____ He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.

_____ He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might deal with minors in an inappropriate manner.

_____ He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might engage in sexual behavior inconsistent with priestly celibacy.

_____ No criminal charges have ever been brought against him, and he has no criminal record.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, **Rev.** _____ 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 temporary assignment in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He will be _____

on _____ at _____
(Date) (Name and address of event)

I hereby grant him permission to seek to exercise priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore for an indefinite period of time with the understanding that such ministry is temporary and not undertaken for the purpose of seeking incardination in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Date: _____

(Seal)

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Please print on the diocesan or religious order letterhead and add an explanatory note for any item not initialed above.

Please email completed letter to clergy@archbalt.org or fax to 410-547-3152.
Original, signed/stamped letters should be mailed to the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Office of Clergy Personnel
320 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201.