

Testimonial of Suitability
(for Temporary Ministry of Religious Priests)

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, S.T.L.
Diocese of Austin
6225 Hwy. 290 East
Austin, Texas 78723-1025

Dear Bishop Vásquez:

In light of the provisions of can. 903 *CIC* and can. 703 §1 *CCEO*, and under the Guidelines proposed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Leadership Conference of Women Religious and Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (NCCB, November 1993) and the policies of this religious institute, I write to certify the suitability of _____ [name] as a member of this religious institute in good standing. I do this in the spirit of mutuality, trust, respect and common understanding in accord with the principles set forth in *Mutuae Relationes* (Rome, May 14, 1978).

Specifically, I write to inform you that _____ [name] is a member of the Province of _____, who currently resides in _____ [place of residence]. He/she will be exercising ministry at _____ [name of the church or institution] in _____ [location of the church or institution] in your diocese, on _____ [date].

I am able to make the following statements:

- He/she is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- I know of nothing which would in any way limit or disqualify him/her from this ministry.
- I am unaware of anything in his/her background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.

Respectfully in Christ,

Signature of Provincial/Superior
Printed Name: _____
Title: _____

Date

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Effective _____ through _____