

Testimonial of Suitability
(Temporary Ministry for Women Religious)

Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez
Bishop of the Diocese of Austin
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Dear Bishop Vásquez:

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]. 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 each of the statements listed below:

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

Therefore, _____ [name] is qualified to serve as a sister in an effective manner.

Be assured of my prayers for you during this time.

Respectfully in Christ,

Signature of Provincial/Superior
Printed Name: _____

Date

Title: _____

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