

**TESTIMONIAL TO THE DIOCESE OF DALLAS
OF SUITABILITY FOR DIACONAL MINISTRY**

Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell
Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas
P. O. Box 190507
Dallas, TX 75219

Dear Bishop Farrell:

Deacon _____ has been asked/invited to conduct a Mission/Retreat at _____, _____, Texas, in the Diocese of Dallas, on/from _____ to _____. I have carefully reviewed all of 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 of my own personal knowledge, I am able to make each of the statements listed below which **I have checked off and initialed:**

- He is a deacon in good standing of the _____.
- He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.
- No criminal charges have ever been brought against him, nor does he have any criminal record.
- He has never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might act in an inappropriate manner with a minor (an individual under eighteen years of age), nor has he ever been accused of any inappropriate behavior with any minor.
- To the best of my knowledge, he is not struggling with alcoholism, drug addiction, or any other form of substance abuse.
- He has no mental, moral, emotional, or physical condition, which might adversely affect his performance as a deacon.
- He is an American citizen, a legal permanent resident, or possesses an appropriate current visa.

Based on my inquiries and on my personal knowledge, the above named deacon is a man of good moral character and reputation, and is fully qualified to serve as a deacon in an effective and suitable manner.

Date: _____

Signature of Bishop

Affix Seal

Name and Title (typed or clearly printed)