

SAMPLE LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned, _____, hereby certify that _____ is a cleric in good standing from our Arch/Diocese who enjoys all the faculties for the exercise of his pastoral 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 cleric in good standing.
2. He has never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.
3. No criminal charges have even 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 appropriate 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 pastoral ministry.
8. He has participated in an approved training session on how to provide a safe environment for children and young people.

I am able to state without qualification that _____ is of good character and reputation and qualified to perform his pastoral duties. I hereby grant him permission to pursue pastoral ministry for the time period requested.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____