

Testimonial of Suitability
(for Consecrated, Religious Brothers or Sisters Residing in the Diocese of Austin)

(Note: This testimonial may be completed and signed by the Religious General, Provincial, or Delegated Regional Superior of the Community. A hard copy needs to be addressed and mailed to Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia, c/o Very Reverend Thomas J. Reitmeyer, JCL, Vicar General, and cc Sr. Silvia Tarafa, Director of the Office of Consecrated and Apostolic Life. The Testimonial of Suitability needs to be renewed every 3 years.)

[date]

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia
Bishop of the Diocese of Austin
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Dear Bishop Garcia:

Under the Guidelines proposed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Leadership Conference of Women Religious & 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 _____ [address of residence in Diocese]. With your permission she/he will _____ [describe ministry to be performed or if retired state so] at _____ [name of church or institution] in _____ [city] in your diocese, beginning on _____ [arrival date], to _____ [approximate departure date if known].

Regarding Brother/Sister _____, I am able to attest to the following:

- [He/She] is compliant with the safe environment requirements of the _____ [diocese arriving from] having last satisfied: the background check requirement on _____, and the educational requirement on _____.
- Additionally, as per www.austindiocese.org/eim-instructions, he/ she will presently become compliant with Safe Environment certification requirements for the Diocese of Austin.

Regarding the aforementioned, I am able to make each of the statements listed below:

- [He/She] is a person of good moral character and reputation.

I am unaware of:

- Any current or prior credible complaint against [him/her] involving allegations of abuse of any type (minors or adults);
- Anything in [his/her] background which would render [him/her] unsuitable to work with adults or minors;
- Anything which would, in any way, limit or disqualify [him/her] from engaging in the ministry described above.

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

Respectfully in Christ,

Signature of Provincial/Regional Superior

Date

Printed Name: _____

[Community Seal]

Title: _____