

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Diocese of Fall River
47 Underwood Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Re: Rev. [NAME]
Date of Birth:
Date of Ordination:
Date of Safe Environment Training:

Your Excellency,

In light of the provisions of canon 903 *CIC* and canon 703 §1 *CCEO*, I write to inform you that Rev. [NAME] is an incardinated priest, in good standing, of the [(Arch) diocese/Eparchy]. He will be exercising ministry at [NAME OF THE CHURCH OR INSTITUTION] in [LOCATION OF THE CHURCH OR INSTITUTION] in your diocese, on [DATE].

1. To the best of my knowledge, I am of the opinion that he is of good character and reputation.
2. I believe that he is qualified to perform his ministerial duties in an effective and suitable manner.
3. There is no canonical or civil reason for his leaving [(Arch) diocese/Eparchy]
4. I have no knowledge that he has been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal act.
5. I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minors.
6. I have no knowledge that he has a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.
7. [NAME] has completed training in an educational program, a diocesan and/or the CMSM *Instruments of Hope and Healing—Safeguarding Children and Young People* program, conducted by Praesidium Religious Services, which is in accord with the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests and Deacons* (USCCB 2006).

Therefore, I recommend Rev. [NAME] for priestly ministry in the Diocese of Fall River and I present him for faculties.

Signature of Ordinary or Provincial

Title

Please Print or Type Your Name

Date

Please affix the OFFICIAL SEAL of Diocese, Congregation or Province.