

Parish Name, City, & State: _____

Group Leader Name: _____

**LETTER OF GOOD STANDING
STATEMENT OF THE ORDINARY/PROVINCIAL**

This is to verify that _____ is a Priest or Deacon in good standing of _____.

(Diocese/Religious Order)

I have carefully reviewed our personnel and other records which we maintain, and I have consulted with those who served with the above priest or deacon in the works he has been assigned under our authority. Based on these inquiries, and upon personal knowledge, I assure you that _____ is a person of good moral character and reputation and is qualified to serve in an effective and suitable manner as a priest or deacon in the Diocese of Oakland. I have no reason to suspect that the above-mentioned priest is unfit for service as a priest. I therefore certify and affirmatively represent without qualification that he has:

1. Never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined.
2. No criminal record, nor have criminal charges ever been brought against him.
3. Manifested no behavioral problems in the past that would indicate he might deal with people, including minors, in an inappropriate manner.
4. Never been involved in an incident which called into question his fitness or suitability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of his priestly ministry.
5. No other particular mental or physical attribute, condition, and/or past situation which would adversely affect his performance of priestly ministry.
6. Never been accused of any act of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct involving a minor.
7. Never been accused of any act of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct involving an adult.
8. Never been accused of any criminal conduct or acts of violence.
9. Never has been treated for mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse problem.
10. Good health and not in need of medical treatment.

I affirmatively represent that the above-mentioned priest or deacon is fit to engage in pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Oakland at the Steubenville NorCal Youth Conference.

Signature

SEAL

Title

Date