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Mission Statement

The Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service (USCCB Subcommittee) assists the bishops in establishing, reviewing and approving certification standards and procedures to be used on a voluntary basis by arch/dioceses and national organizations in the certification of specialized ecclesial ministers. It also offers consultative services aimed at improving the quality of lay ministry formation programs that are sponsored by arch/dioceses and by academic institutions.

Scope of Approval of Certification Standards and Procedures

The USCCB Subcommittee approves certification standards and procedures for Catholic organizations to certify specialized ministers. Certifying organizations submitting certification standards and procedures to the USCCB Subcommittee may be arch/diocesan departments, national organizations of specialized ministers listed in The Official Catholic Directory, and organizations sponsored by state Catholic conferences. Organizations seeking approval from the USCCB Subcommittee shall provide documentation to indicate that certification standards, policies and procedures are in compliance with those listed in the current publication of the Certification Handbook for specialized ministries. Organizations with approved certification standards and procedures and those preparing to submit certification standards and procedures to the USCCB Subcommittee are listed in this directory.

The USCCB Subcommittee is governed by members of the Subcommittee. The members are appointed by the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The members and the staff for the USCCB Subcommittee are listed at the end of this directory. Staff is available for consultation.

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