



CONGREGATIO
PRO CLERICIS

Prot. N. 20093125

Vatican City, 15th October 2009

His Eminence Francis E. Cardinal George, O.M.I.,
Archbishop of Chicago,
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,
3211 Fourth Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017-1194
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Your Eminence,

This Congregation has gratefully received your letter of the 2nd September last regarding the renewal *ad quinquennium* of the approval of the Holy See for the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*.

Please find enclosed the requested Decree (Prot. N. 78/2000), signed both by His Eminence Zenon Cardinal Grocholewski, Prefect for the Congregation for Catholic Education, and by myself as Prefect of this Congregation for the Clergy. As Your Eminence will see, the Decree has renewed the approval for a further five year period.

The *Directory* will doubtless continue the important work of forming Permanent Deacons and overseeing their life and ministry. During this Year for Priests it will serve as a renewed point of guidance and direction in understanding particularly the fruitful collaboration of Priests and Permanent Deacons according to their office and functions.

I take this opportunity to renew my sentiments of high esteem and with every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠Mauro Piacenza
Titular Archbishop of Vittoriana
Secretary

Enclosure




CONGREGATIO
DE INSTITUTIONE CATHOLICA
(DE SEMINARIIS ATQUE STUDIORUM INSTITUTIS)

DECRETUM

Conferentia Episcoporum Foederatarum Civitatum Americae Septemtrionalis petente ut sua *Ratio institutionis, ministerii et vitae diaconorum permanentium* recognitioni Sanctae Sedis fruatur etiam post tempus experimenti iam expletum, Congregatio de Institutione Catholica (de Seminariis atque Studiorum Institutis) et Congregatio pro Clericis, omnibus rite perpensis, libenter praefatae Rationi, cui titulus *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*, **ad alterum quinquennium** approbant.

Romae, ex Aedibus Congregationum, die XII mensis Octobris, a. D. MMIX.


Præfectus
Congregationis de Institutione Catholica


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Congregationis pro Clericis

