

Sample Letter of Good Standing (for Priests)

National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults

Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2016 – San, Jose, California

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Dear Dr. Lichtenwalner,

I am writing to inform you that Fr. _____ is an incardinated priest in good standing in the Arch/Diocese of _____. He is currently serving as (title) for (parish/apostolate/diocesan office, etc.). This letter is for the purposes of the National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults to be held Nov. 30 to Dec. 1, 2016 in San Jose, California.

We have carefully reviewed our records and have consulted with persons who have served with Fr. _____ and I am able to make the following statements in regard to him:

He is a person of good moral character and reputation. I know of nothing which would in any way limit or disqualify him from this ministry. He has completed safe environment training for our diocese on _____. In addition, to the best of my knowledge, I assure you that nothing in his background would cause scandal or limit or disqualify him from giving workshops, presentations, or engaging in ministry. This would include improper behaviors, e.g. untreated problems with substance abuse, sexual impropriety, physical abuse, and financial impropriety.

Based on this information, I endorse and support the content of his mission and message, which I believe is consistent with the theological, social, and moral teachings of the Church. I hereby recommend him to speak and provide written resources at the National Leadership Forum under your authorization.

Sincerely,

Name of Bishop or Designate (with Title)
Arch/Diocese of _____