

**DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SUITABILITY  
FOR MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND**

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_,  
Ordinary of the (Arch) Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_,  
hereby certify that Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ is a deacon in good standing in the  
(Arch) Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Diocese) (City/State/Zip)

who enjoys all the faculties for the exercise of his ministry. After reviewing his personal file, checking with some who have worked with him in previous assignments, and/or from my own personal knowledge of the subject,

I am able to certify without qualification that Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ has:

1. Never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined; *(If so, please explain on the back of this form or in a separate letter.)*
2. Never had criminal charges brought against him; *(If so, please explain on the back of this form or in a separate letter.)*
3. Not manifested behavioral problems in the past that would indicate he might deal with 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 Diaconate ministry due to alcohol, substance abuse, physical or sexual abuse, financial impropriety or other causes;
5. No other particular mental or physical attribute, condition and/or past situation, which would adversely affect his performance.
6. All safe environment training required by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is current and up to date.

I am able to state without qualification that Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ is of good character and reputation and qualified to perform his duties in a ministerial position in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

(SEAL)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ will be coming to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for:

\_\_\_\_\_ at  
(Purpose)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parish or Institution)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dates for this Application)