

The National Catholic Church

“Service, Unity, Charity”

General Beliefs of the Society

Our differences with the Roman Catholic Church are primarily disciplinary and administrative. Some of our goals and practices include:

- To restore the ancient rights and privileges of the clergy and the bishops.
- To restore the clergy and the laity their right to take part in the election of their Patriarchs and Bishops.
- To release the clergy from the compulsory vow of celibacy.
- The inclusion of the laity in the liturgical worship of the Church. This includes the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and The Divine Office.
- To promote a spirit of charity among Christians of all denominations; to repress all sentiments of bitterness and fanaticism; to accentuate all points of agreement with others, and to minimize, as far as possible, points of disagreement, with a view that the accomplishment of the Will of our Divine Lord, that his followers should be united in one body. (St. John, XVII)
- Our Mission centers on the ideals of, “In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.” We look forward to the unification of, not only both lungs of the Eastern Orthodox and Western Catholic Churches, which form the full body of the Faith, but all Christian Denominations. That we may all be one body in Christ.
- Remembering the precepts of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength”; “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” We base our life on loving others, for God. Instead of looking at differences in a person, religion, or race, we strive to seek out similarities in each other that grow our relationship with our Divine Lord.
- Our Faith is based upon Apostolic Tradition of the Undivided Church, belief in the Holy Trinity as the One Triune Godhead - One God, in three distinct persons; the definition of the seven Ecumenical Councils of the undivided Church; the Creeds; the teachings of Sacred Scripture and the Patristic Fathers.
- We believe in the Seven Sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ, as well as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Transubstantiation. Our common form of the Holy Mass is celebrated from the Missale Romanum (Pre-1955) and The Traditional English Missal (William Knott).
- We practice the invocation of and veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as the Saints and the Holy Angels.
- We pray for the Resurrection of the Faithful Departed. We pray for the souls of the Church suffering in purgatory.
- We believe in the use of icons, statues, the veneration of relics; and the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament to be a means of finding greater faith and devotion.
- We trust that God is truth and the center of our life. With God being all truth, we believe that science and faith will not overrule one another. Neither can true Religion be harmed or its progress impeded by bold, honest, straightforward enunciation of scientific, historical, or theological ascertain facts, nor can true religion be assisted by fraud, falsehood, concealment of the truth, exaggeration or any kind of impostor.
- We reject simony or any other earthly reward for any sacraments, spiritual graces or guidance received from the clergy.

APPLICATION FOR NEW CANDIDATES

Full Name _____

Current Position Bishop/Priest/Deacon/Layman _____

Your Date of Birth _____

Current Church or Ministry Name _____

Current Church Address _____

City _____ State/ Prov. _____ Zip _____

Church Phone _____

Current Religious Supervisor _____

Your Legal Home Address _____

City _____ State Prov. _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Mobile Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Facebook Contact Information _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's DOB _____

Emergency Contact Name and Relationship _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____

Emergency Contact Email _____

Children _____ DOB _____

Children _____ DOB _____

Children _____ DOB _____

Children _____ DOB _____

WORK HISTORY

Current Employer _____

Dates Employed _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

Graduated in Year _____

College _____

Degree(s) Attained _____

Post Graduate Education _____

Degrees/Certifications _____

Languages Spoken _____

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Date of Baptism_____

Date of Confirmation_____

Date of Ordination_____

Please answer the following questions:

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please provide details on a separate attached sheet. **A “yes” response will not necessarily preclude you from ordination.**

1. Have you ever been refused a professional license?

2. Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or crime other than minor traffic violations?

3. Have you now or ever had problems with the use of alcohol, stimulants or habit forming drugs?

4. Do you have any major health or psychological issues? If so, please explain.

Health or psychological issues will not necessarily preclude you from ordination.

5. Have your debts been or are they now unmanageable?

6. Have you previously applied and been turned down for licensing/credentialing within any church? If yes, please state when, where and why?

7. Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action by an employer, or licensing organization alleging sexual or ethical misconduct?

8. Have you ever been the subject of an ecclesiastical discipline by a church or denomination?

PERSONAL REFERENCES

Reference 1. _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Reference 2. _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Reference 3. _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Reference 4. _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

CLERGY REFERENCES

Reference 1. _____ Denomination _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Reference 2. _____ Denomination _____

Address _____

Phone _____

LETTER OF AFFIRMATION AND BLESSING FROM A SPOUSE/LIFETIME PARTNER

Date _____

The Esteemed Members of the Commission on Ordained Ministry,

By the signing of this document I am showing forth my support, affirmation, and blessing of
(Cleric's name) _____. Let it be known that my
spouse has my full support and blessing in his decision to pursue his membership in the National Catholic Church.

Signature _____

Print Name _____

VOW OF INTENT AND GUIDANCE

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To the Faithful in Jesus Christ throughout the World:

GREETING AND BENEDICTION

CANONICAL PROMISE OF INTENT AND GUIDANCE

BE IT KNOWN THAT I _____,

Before God and His Holy Church, having duly subscribed to, do make the following declaration of my most solemn vow and promise:

I believe that I have been called by the Holy Ghost to be set aside to the life and work as a servant of Jesus Christ within the National Catholic Church. I believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and do confess Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I am persuaded that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as interpreted under the guidance of the Holy Ghost, convey the Word of God, and contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and are the unique and authoritative standard for my faith and life.

I accept with reverence the spirit of witness of the Fathers of the universal church, and the Seven Ecumenical Councils of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Tradition, Discipline and Worship of The National Catholic Church.

I do further place myself, as the supreme act of humility and discipleship, under the guidance, authority, and oversight of the National Catholic Church for as long as I exercise my ministry and maintain Holy Orders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have affixed my signature with prayer and devotion.

Name

Date

Official Policy On Misconduct By The Clergy

Within The National Catholic Church

Recent events in our country and society here in the United States and other parts of the world have made it necessary to publish and provide a clear understanding within the ranks of all of the clergy and the faithful, (and prayerfully we pray, eventually within each and every jurisdiction of the Church), that ZERO tolerance will and must be the standard operating guideline for issues of inappropriate misconduct by the clergy. This will also be the standard operating understanding and procedure for the clergy of *The National Catholic Church*.

We have adopted, herewith, a working and official policy of, and for, *The National Catholic Church* regarding the sexual misconduct of clergy, employees, regular volunteers, seminarians, and candidates for ordination and/or incardination.

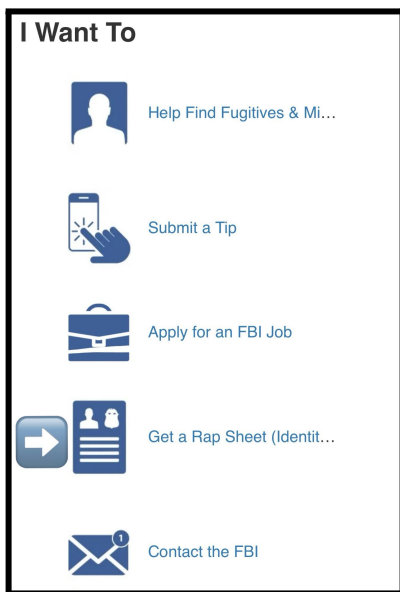
- *The National Catholic Church* has zero tolerance for any physical misconduct by its clergy and or any one employed by, or working for, or even volunteering to work for, or with this Church.
- This includes inappropriate physical contact with parishioners, those being counseled, those going to confession or receiving any of the Holy Mysteries / Sacraments, and, of course. minors/disabled/geriatric or anyone that is considered as vulnerable. This also includes any inappropriate physical contact with minors, wanted or unwanted.
- Inappropriate physical activity with minors/disabled or geriatrically vulnerable people will be immediately reported to law enforcement entities and investigated by them.
- Further, inappropriate and unwanted physical activity with anyone else with whom a clergyman has a pastoral care relationship of any kind, will result in immediate suspension of ecclesiastical faculties. This means that faculties and the authority to celebrate the Holy Mysteries will be removed immediately with a referral to treatment if found guilty. If cleared of all charges by both church and law enforcement entities. all faculties and authorities to celebrate the Holy Mysteries / Sacraments of the Church will, of course, be restored and all records marked as "cleared." If the clergy person is found and proven guilty their suspension will become permanent and they will be deposed from the ministry of the Church.
- Finally, (and very sadly there are cases both in the United States and other countries) - anyone found, after investigation by Church authorities and law enforcement, to have deliberately and inaccurately accused one of the clergy for the purposes of obtaining financial reward. To punish, humiliate, address or redress issues unrelated to inappropriate and unwanted physical contact via these kinds of inappropriate physical accusations and humiliation whether publicly and/or privately, will also be held responsible for such allegations and accusations. In that unfortunate circumstance, the clergy are herewith advised to seek personal and public redress for the injury to their reputations and good standing within the Church. Most of all, forgiveness and healing MUST BE the guiding light through forgiveness in these cases and all parties are encouraged to seek counseling and help in rebuilding their lives.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

BACKGROUND CHECK REPORT

Below is the link for the FBI Criminal Database. A background check report is to be paid and completed by the applicant. Please make sure to include the results with your application.

-Go to <https://www.fbi.gov/> and scroll down to “get a rap sheet”.



-Complete instructions.

-Include completed report with your application.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

- COPY OF DIPLOMAS

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

- COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE
- COPY OF CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE
- COPY OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE
- COPY OF ORDINATION CERTIFICATE

FBI CRIMINAL DATABASE BACKGROUND CHECK REPORT

PLEASE SEND ALL INFO TO:

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