Rome, December 9, 2019

His Excellency Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy

Bishop of San Diego

Diocesan Pastoral Center

3888 Paducah Drive – San Diego, CA 92117 USA

***SUBJECT: Request for Permission for Fr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***to celebrate the Sacraments***

This is to certify that **Rev. Fr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, a priest of the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_\_, is a resident Priest of the of the Pontifical Filipino College in Rome doing [licentiate/doctorate] studies at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He is a Catholic Priest in good standing and has full faculties with his home Diocese, as well as the Diocese of Rome.

I have reviewed the personnel file and other available records, and have consulted with those knowledgeable about him and his previous assignments. Based on this review, I assure you to the best of my ability that **Rev. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is a person of good moral character and reputation, and is qualified to serve in an effective and suitable manner in your local Church. In addition, based on these inquiries and my best knowledge, I assure you (and put my initials before each statement) that he has:

\_\_\_\_\_ • Never been suspended or otherwise canonically disciplined;

\_\_\_\_\_ • No criminal record, nor criminal charges ever been brought against him;

\_\_\_\_\_ • Manifested no behavioral problems in the past that would indicate that he might deal with minors in an inappropriate manner;

\_\_\_\_\_ • Never been involved in an incident or exhibited behavior which called into question his fitness or suitability for priestly ministry due to alcohol, substance abuse, sexual misconduct, financial irregularities, or other causes;

\_\_\_\_\_ • No other particular mental or physical attribute, condition, and/or past situation which would adversely affect performance of his sacred ministry.

I commended him to Your Reverence for permission to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments in your Diocese, especially during his visit from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_. He will return to Rome to continue his studies immediately after each visit.

Thank you very much, Excellency, for your kind attention. Please rest assured of my prayers. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Gregory Ramon D. Gaston

Rector