

Sample Letter of Approval From Competent Authority

(Please note that membership in AOS USA is for 1 calendar year from Jan 1 – Dec. 31.)

Special Note:

The ministry onboard requires the priest to be able to travel to and from the ship, and around the ship on his own. Please consider the mental and physical health of the individual priest before giving consent to serve onboard.

Miss Doreen M. Badeaux
Secretary General
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
1500 Jefferson Drive
Port Arthur, TX 77642-0646

Dear Miss Badeaux:

In light of the provisions of canon 903 *CIC* and canon 703 §1 *CCEO*, I write to inform you that Rev. [NAME] is an incardinated priest of the [(Arch) diocese/Eparchy, Religious Province] of [LOCATION], who currently resides in [PLACE OF RESIDENCE].

In regard to Rev. [NAME], I am able to make the following statements:

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.

I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.

I am unaware of any physical or mental health issues, which would affect his ability to carry out the full ministry onboard.

With this letter, I give my endorsement to Rev. [NAME] for service to the Apostleship of the Sea as a Cruise Ship Priest for the year [YEAR].

With Best Wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Name of the (Arch) Bishop/Eparch, Provincial]

[Title]

[Date]

Effective _____ through _____