

**Model for a Celebret/Testimonial
of Suitability for a Priest Coming for a Single Event
(on diocesan/religious letterhead)**

[DATE]

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Your Excellency:

In light of the provisions of can. 903 *CIC* and can. 703 §1 *CCEO*, I write to inform you that Rev. [NAME] is an incardinated priest of the arch/diocese/eparchy of _____, who currently resides in [PLACE OR RESIDENCE]. He is requesting permission to perform a wedding ceremony for [NAME OF COUPLE AND RELATIONSHIP IF ANY – i.e. - his niece, Mary Smith and her fiancé John Glass] at [NAME OF THE CHURCH OR INSTITUTION] in [LOCATION OF THE CHURCH OR INSTITUTION] in your diocese, on [DATE].

In regard to Rev. [NAME], I am able to make 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.

Respectfully in Christ,

[Name of the Arch/bishop/eparch or his delegate]

[TITLE]