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### **National Catholics to Ordain New Jersey Man to Order of Deacons**

GLEN RIDGE, NJ - The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) has announced the ordination of Br. Geety Reyes, FCM to the Order of Deacon.

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, presiding bishop of the ANCC, will ordain Br. Reyes as a transitional deacon at the American National Catholic Cathedral parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Glen Ridge, NJ at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 18, 2012.

Br. Reyes is a professed member of the Franciscan Community of Mercy and serves as the secretary to the presiding bishop. Br. Reyes has been actively involved in the parish community of St. Francis of Assisi for three years while completing his theological studies at the ANCC seminary, St. John the Beloved. Br. Reyes' responsibility at the parish has included his vocal talents as a cantor as well as the parish's outreach ministry to the immigration and customs detainees at the Essex County Correctional Facility.

Br. Reyes was born in Manila, Philippines and attended Lourdes School of Mandaluyong. He explains his feeling that being called to God's service is a privilege saying, "I pursued God's call to be of service to Him as a response to His love for all of us. God continues to work in all of us. For me, I believe my role in His plan of salvation is to serve Him as a Catholic priest, and am so grateful God has led me to the American national Catholic Church. I am grateful to the support and guidance of Bishop George, and pray that God's will be done in my life and the life of the Church."

The American National Catholic Church is a Catholic community outside of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the church celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, underserved, and forgotten. For more information visit [www.TheANCC.org](http://www.TheANCC.org). The ANCC has two parishes in New Jersey: St. Francis of Assisi in Glen Ridge and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Long Branch. The ordination is open to the public.

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