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### **National Catholics Welcome Former Roman and Episcopal Clergy**

(08/11/13) -- The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, presiding bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), joyfully welcomes Fr. Paul Gulya and Deacon Kerry Walters as the newest clergy to join the ANCC.

A graduate of Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MA, with a Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degree, Fr. Paul Gulya was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1981 for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT. After several years of active ministry within the diocese, Fr. Gulya took a leave from ministry. For several years, Fr. Gulya continued to work for various parishes in the diocese as a member of their liturgy team serving as Liturgist, Music Director, Organist and Choir Director.

Once transitioned from his active ministry, Fr. Gulya developed a secular career in the newspaper industry where he advanced from advertising sales to senior management positions in the Advertising departments of newspapers such as the Hartford Courant, Boston Herald and New York Daily News. Currently, Fr. Gulya resides in Jersey City, NJ, where he has a successful career in Real Estate. Plans are underway to establish a parish community in Jersey City, NJ, where Fr. Gulya will maintain as pastor.

Ordained as a Deacon with the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, Deacon Kerry Walters is a professor, author and philosopher. Having a Ph.D. in Philosophy from University of Cincinnati, a M.A. in Philosophy from Marquette University and lastly, a B.A. in Philosophy from University of Carolina – Charlotte; Deacon Walters is a philosopher through and through.

Since 1985, Deacon Kerry has taught Philosophy at Gettysburg University. Before coming to Gettysburg College, he taught at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He's also taught at the University of Essex in England. With interests in American colonial and early Republic intellectual history, religious experience, and peace and justice studies, Kerry teaches courses such as Philosophy and Food, Philosophy and Mysticism, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Peace and Nonviolence, and Philosophy of Religion.

The author or editor of over 30 books and 100 articles in scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers, Kerry's latest books are *Giving up god to find God*, *Atheism: A Guide for the Perplexed*, *Revolutionary Deists: Early America's Rational Infidels*, and *The Art of Dying and Living*. Currently, Deacon Walters is developing a Pastoral Center for Learning and Spiritual Development in collaboration with the local clergy in the Gettysburg area.

“The American National Catholic Church is honored and blessed to have Fr. Gulya and Deacon Walters serving with us in witnessing to the Catholic faith in the United States” stated Bishop Lucey. “They are an amazing example of clergy who are not afraid to follow wherever the Spirit has called them into service for the people of God.”

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).

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