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National Catholics Welcome Former Washington Priest

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), joyfully welcomed Fr. John Mollish as the newest clergy to join the ANCC through incardination this past Sunday.

A graduate of the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium, Fr. Mollish earned bachelor degrees in both theology and philosophy as well as an S.T.B and M.A. in theology. Fr. Mollish was originally ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1973 for the Archdiocese of Washington. After several years of active ministry within the archdiocese, Fr. Mollish first took a leave of absence prior to leaving active ministry in 1981.

Fr. Mollish moved to Houston, TX where he married his wife, Pillar, and together they raised a family. Upon returning to Washington, Fr. Mollish enjoyed a successful career employed by the University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland. He began working in the Office of the Provost and eventually became Assistant Dean and Director of Graduate Admissions and Records. He retired from the university in 2010.

Since 2000, Fr. Mollish has provided sacramental ministry through CITI Ministries - an organization of former Roman Catholic clergy. Yearning for a deeper experience and expression of his priesthood, Fr. Mollish discerned and joined the ANCC. Currently plans are underway to establish a parish community in the Washington, D.C./Maryland area where Fr. Mollish will serve as pastor.

“The American National Catholic Church is honored and blessed to have Fr. John Mollish serving with us in witnessing to the Catholic faith in the United States,” stated Bishop Lucey. “He is an amazing example of a priest who is not afraid to follow wherever the Spirit has called him 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.

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