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### **Fr. Vincent McTighe named Director of Ministerial Formation for the American National Catholic Church**

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), is pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Vincent McTighe as Director of Ministerial Formation. In his new position, Fr. Vincent is charged with the encouragement, training, nurture, and development of ministry in the American National Catholic Church.

Fr. Vincent looks forward to exploring how he can be most helpful to those joining the ANCC clergy. “I hope mainly to be in dialogue with each person, reflecting with them on their concerns, questions, and progress in the journey toward ministry in the ANCC,” he says. “While we are in the Catholic tradition, we also have a special understanding of the radical welcome that God's love extends to all. Hopefully all of us who minister in the ANCC are formed in that spirit.”

Fr. Vincent was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1972 for the Diocese of Paterson, New Jersey. After earning a Master of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, NJ, he ministered in different parishes throughout northern New Jersey. He also served as the first Executive Director of the National Federation of Priests' Councils, headquartered in Chicago.

Upon leaving active ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, Fr. Vincent held various management positions in North Carolina, Vermont and New Jersey. Currently, he is Human Resources Director for Community Services, Inc. of Ocean County, which provides nutrition programs and benefit screenings for the elderly, especially the home bound.

Fr. Vincent is co-pastor, along with Fr. Paul Guyla, of Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC parish in Harrison, New Jersey. A gifted musician, he often uses music in his homilies.

The American National Catholic Church, an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church, is dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Although sharing core theological and liturgical practices with Roman Catholicism, the ANCC differs on several major points, such as married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage, and lay leadership. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, under-served, and forgotten. For more information, visit [www.TheANCC.org](http://www.TheANCC.org).

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