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**American National Catholics Welcome Former Roman Priest**

(12/05/13) The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church, joyfully welcomes Fr. Kevin Jones as the newest clergy to join the ANCC.

Fr. Jones, ordained a Roman Catholic deacon in 1989 and a priest one year later, studied theology and philosophy at Franciscan University and received a Masters of Divinity degree from Seton Hall University. Following ordination, he was involved in parish and youth ministry in New Jersey. Additionally, he served as secretary to his diocesan bishop.

After leaving active ministry in 1996, Fr. Jones served in a range of public sector positions. He was director of the US Pavilion for the World Expo in Lisbon, executive director of a New Jersey cancer foundation, and a member of the management team for the National AIDS Fund. He also served as campaign deputy treasurer in James McGreevey's successful 2002 run for the governorship of New Jersey. Currently he sits on the board of United for a Fair Economy and is an environmental speaker and activist.

Fr. Jones and his husband Andy live in Newark, New Jersey.

Fr. Jones says he is delighted to be a part of a religious community that embraces "folks who would be marginalized in most parishes." The ANCC, he adds, has validated his search for an accepting community to which he can offer his talents. "I am so grateful to Bishop George and ANCC Chancellor Fr. Phillip Lichtenwalter for their vision and commitment and for this welcoming community."

For his part, Bishop Lucey is delighted that Fr. Kevin has joined the ANCC. "With Fr. Kevin's incardination," he observed, "we continue to see how God is calling us all to a more compassionate and courageous witness to the inclusivity of love at the heart of Catholic social

teaching. We are so pleased that Fr. Kevin's experience with working for the disenfranchised and alienated reflects the ANCC's commitment to reaching out to all God's people.”

The American National Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church 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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