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### **American National Catholic Church Incardicates Fr. Anthony Lipari**

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), joyfully welcomes Fr. Anthony Lipari as the newest priest to join the ANCC.

A native of New Jersey, Father Lipari graduated from Seton Hall University with a B.S. in Secondary Education, English and Religious Studies. After a period of high school and college teaching, he entered Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained in 1989.

Until 2004 Father Lipari served as a parish priest with awarded work in youth ministry. He also served as chaplain to a number of police, fire, and emergency teams, collaborated with the National Catholic AIDS Network, and taught theology.

Since 2004, Fr. Lipari has taught language arts and drama and established an active grief ministry, serving as a bereavement counselor and a funeral/celebration of life celebrant. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

Fr. Lipari, who lives in Toms River with his faithful dog Spencer, says that he “feels great peace in being incardinated into the all-inclusive community of the ANCC. Bishop George has been so welcoming, as are the people that serve the Church.” He notes that his favorite passage from Matthew, “Let your light shine before you all so that may see your goodness and love and give thanks to God!”, comes alive in the ANCC.

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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