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### **American National Catholic Church to Ordain John Bye-Torre**

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) is pleased to announce that Mr. John Bye-Torre will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Sunday, February 15. The Mass of Ordination, to be celebrated by the Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the ANCC, will take place in the parish community of Holy Family American National Catholic Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, during the parish celebration of the Eucharist. Mr. Bye-Torre will serve as deacon to Holy Family after his ordination.

A Licensed Mental Health Counselor with earned graduate degrees in counseling and administration, Mr. Bye-Torre works in both private practice and with military service members and their families. He is also a life professed friar with the Franciscan Community of Mercy in the American National Catholic Church.

Speaking of his upcoming ordination, Mr. Bye-Torre says he is on the path to fulfilling a dream he's had since he was a high school freshman. "I am just now finding my place in the world: to serve God's people."

Bishop Lucey, for his part, invites everyone to join him in thanking God for "the many talented men and women who, in joining the ANCC, have echoed the great 'Yes' spoken by Mary." They "continue to witness to the extravagant and all inclusive love at the heart of the Catholic Church," and the Bishop expressed his joy at having the opportunity to serve God's People alongside such men and women of courage.

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. The ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. But the ANCC differs with Rome on several major points, including married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage, and lay leadership. The ANCC has parishes across the U.S. as well as a host of ministries to the alienated, under-served, and forgotten. For more information about the ANCC, visit Holy Spirit's webpage at [www.ancclewisburgpa.org](http://www.ancclewisburgpa.org) or the national webpage at [www.TheANCC.org](http://www.TheANCC.org).