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New American National Catholic Church Parish in Seattle, Washington

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) joyfully announces the establishment of a new parish community, St Stephen's, Seattle, Washington, guided by Deacon Brother John Bye-Torre, FCM.

Deacon John was ordained a transitional deacon in February 2015. He is a Franciscan friar who holds master's degrees in administration, counseling, and divinity. John has been a licensed mental health counselor for over 27 years having worked in community mental health programs, psychiatric treatment facilities, and a special ministry to the US military and their families.

St Stephen's offers baptisms, Sunday liturgy, weddings and marriages, personal blessings, visitations and spiritual counseling. Deacon John shared the mission of the parish is to provide a safe haven for healing, reconciliation, and growth for all. Where "all are welcome," St Stephen's is a place open to singles, married, divorcees, straight, gay, young and old, Latinos, Asians, blacks, and white. Everyone is included and no one is denied. Visit St Stephens at www.ststephensancc.org, on Facebook, or at 206-271-0261.

The American National Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church whose parishes stretch from New Mexico to the East Coast. Guided by a presiding bishop, the Most Reverend Bishop George Lucey, 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.