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American National Catholic Church Welcomes Fr. Miguel Fernandez

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), joyfully welcomes Fr. Miguel Fernandez as the latest priest to incardinate with the ANCC.

A native of Peru, Fr. Miguel immigrated to the U.S. in 1977 and subsequently earned both his Bachelor's Degree (modern languages and philosophy) and his Master of Divinity Degree, with an emphasis on counseling and pastoral ministry, from Seton Hall University. He was ordained to the presbyterate in 1986.

After ordination, Fr. Miguel served as a military chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve while also performing duties as the associate pastor in three Diocese of Newark parishes. Since 1988, he has served in several positions as a bilingual social worker in New Jersey. (Fr. Miguel is fluent in three languages.) Until his incardination with the ANCC, he also served as a Eucharistic Minister in a Roman Catholic parish, and was charged with training altar servers. He also taught CCD and RCIA.

In reflecting on his embrace of the ANCC, Fr. Miguel says that he has a passion for serving God and for evangelizing the Good News to others. His purpose on this earth, he adds, is to bring the light of Christ's love to others.

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