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American National Catholic Church Establishes Mission Community in Ocean County, NJ

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) announces the establishment of a new mission community, St. Brendan the Navigator, in the Toms River area of Ocean County, New Jersey. The mission will be shepherded by Fr. Vincent McTighe, who also serves as co-pastor with Fr. Paul Gulya of Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC Parish in Harrison, NJ.

ANCC Presiding Bishop George R. Lucey announced the establishment of the new mission community with enthusiasm. “I am overjoyed to ask the faithful to pray for the developing community of St. Brendan the Navigator Mission,” he said. “Its establishment is in response to a small group of committed Catholics interested in having an ANCC presence in the Tom's River area of New Jersey. We are blessed to have Frs. Vincent and Paul respond so generously.”

Fr. Vincent pointed out that St. Brendan the Navigator “seemed apt for a church in Ocean County near the sea. But it also has the double meaning of having a patron whose prayers might help us navigate the process of establishing a new ANCC community.” He noted that St. Brendan, a sixth century Irish monk and missionary, is venerated by Roman Catholics as well as Anglicans and Orthodox. “In many ways, he is an ecumenical Catholic saint to whom the ANCC can also look.”

Residents in Ocean County interested in helping to build St. Brendan the Navigator Mission Community of the ANCC are cordially invited to contact Fr. Vincent at SaintBrendanANCC@gmail.com or (609) 817-4280.

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.

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