



**DIOCESE OF VENICE
ATTESTATION OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER**

I, _____ a prospective or current (**circle one**): employee, volunteer, religious brother or sister, deacon or priest, or independent contractor, hereby attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am of good moral character. I further attest that I have not committed, nor been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offense (or attempt or conspiracy thereunder) prohibited under any of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes (See level 2 screening standard of 435.04) or under any similar statute of another jurisdiction:

- a. Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
- b. Section 782.04, relating to murder.
- c. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child.
- d. Section 782.071, relating to vehicular homicide.
- e. Section 782.09, relating to killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother.
- f. Section 784.011, relating to assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- g. Section 784.021, relating to aggravated assault.
- h. Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- i. Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery.
- j. Section 787.01, relating to kidnaping.
- k. Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- l. Section 787.04 (2) or (3) relating to taking, enticing or removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings or to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing.
- m. Section 790.115(1) or (2)(b), relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school or possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device or other weapon on school property.
- n. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- o. Former s. 794.041, relating to prohibited acts of persons in familial or custodial authority.
- p. Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.
- q. Section 798.02, relating to lewd and lascivious behavior.
- r. Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
- s. Section 806.01, relating to arson.
- t. Chapters 810 & 812, relating to burglary, theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense was a felony.
- u. Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.

- v. Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- w. Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- x. Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.
- y. Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- z. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- aa. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
- bb. Section 827.05, relating to negligent treatment of children.
- cc. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.
- dd. Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with violence.
- ee. Section 843.025, relating to depriving a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer means of protection or communication.
- ff. Section 843.12 or 843.13 relating to aiding in an escape or in the escape of juvenile inmates.
- gg. Chapter 847, relating to obscene literature.
- hh. Section 874.05(1) relating to encouraging or recruiting another to join criminal gang.
- ii. Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.
- jj. Those offenses under Chapter 944 or 985 identified in Fla. State 435.04 as disqualifying

Additionally, the undersigned:

- kk. Has not committed an act that constitutes domestic violence as defined in section 741.30.
- ll. Does not have a confirmed report of abuse, neglect or exploitation as defined in section 39.01 which has been upheld under section 415.103.

 I understand that any employment/volunteer work is conditioned upon a satisfactory criminal background and reference check and that offenses other than those listed above may preclude my employment or volunteer work to the extent they reflect on my fitness for the position. I authorize, without reservation, the release of information to the Diocese of Venice and do further release, agree to hold harmless and discharge from all damages and liability, Frank J.Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a corporation sole, the Diocese and all companies, agencies, officials, officers, employees and other persons, who in good faith provide to the Diocese of Venice information in order to successfully complete a background investigation.

I further agree to inform the Diocese of Venice immediately if I am charged with or arrested for any disqualifying offenses while engaged in employment, volunteer work, or other work on behalf of the Diocese.

School/Parish/Other: _____
 Signature: _____

Position: _____
 Date: _____

*This form is to be completed with the volunteer or employment application and maintained as part thereof in the personnel/volunteer file at the local diocesan entity.