



## Catholic Diocese of Memphis

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### Procedure for Requesting a Letter of Suitability

In accordance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, any cleric who wishes to minister in a Diocese not his own is required to obtain a letter of suitability (letter of good standing). To ensure all the necessary information is provided, this instruction is issued detailing the steps to be taken to request a letter of suitability.

#### Required information

The following information must be provided:

- (Arch)Diocese the ministry will be performed in
- The (Arch)Bishop of said Diocese
- The Diocesan Office's address, phone number, and email (if available)
- The date of the visit
- The purpose of the visit (ministries being performed)
- The parish's/institution's name, address, and email where the ministry will be performed
- The pastor's/supervisor's name and email address

#### Submission

- Requests for letters of suitability are to be submitted via email to [suitability@cc.cdom.org](mailto:suitability@cc.cdom.org).
- Requests sent to other email addresses will not be accepted.
- Prior to submission, the cleric requesting the letter must be up-to-date on their VIRTUS training. Dispensations from this requirement are the sole discretion of the Bishop of Memphis.
- Requests are to be submitted no less than two weeks prior to travel. Requests submitted after this time period may not be accepted.

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Date

