



DIOCESE OF BUFFALO  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Rev. Arthur J. Smith  
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Dear Father Smith,

Thank you for meeting with me last week to discuss your progress and possibilities for beginning to reintegrate your priestly ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo.

I am pleased to grant your request for permission to make yourself available to be a Sacramental Minister as needed in a parish that has a non-priest Pastoral Administrator, and also to make yourself available for supply ministry as needed by priests who request help. Your faculty to hear confessions in the Diocese of Buffalo is hereby restored.

Regarding the granting of a celebret, we have been in the practice of granting letters of good standing on a case by case basis for all the priests and deacons in the diocese who request them following a review not only of their standing, but also their participation in the Virtus Safe Environment Program. I applaud your remaining current in that program. Should you have a specific need for a letter, I would ask that you make your request for each trip, as is the current practice for all our priests and deacons, by calling the Chancery receptionist who can take down the relevant information.

May God keep you in the blessings of the Easter Season and the power of the Spirit of Pentecost.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone  
Bishop of Buffalo

  
Chancellor