



DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

October 5, 2015

Miss Doreen M. Badeaux
Secretary General
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
1500 Jefferson Drive
Port Arthur, TX 77642-0640

Dear Miss Badeaux:

In light of the provisions of can. 903 CIC and can. 703 §1 CCEO, I write to inform you that **Rev. Arthur J. Smith is** an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Buffalo in good standing who currently resides at 16 Spindrift Court, Williamsville, NY.

In regard to Rev. Arthur Smith, I am able to make the following statements:

- He is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- I know nothing which would in any way limit or disqualify him from this ministry.
- I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.
- I am unaware of any physical or mental health issues which would affect his ability to carry out the full ministry onboard.
- He has been trained and participates in the Virtus Program.

With this letter I give my endorsement to Father Smith for service to the Apostleship of the Sea as a Cruise Ship Priest for the year 2016.

With deep regards,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard J. Malone
Bishop of Buffalo

Rev. Ryszard S. Biernat
Co-Chancellor