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American National Catholic Church Launches Online Prayer Request Ministry www.ANCCPrayer.org

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) is pleased to announce the launch of a worldwide prayer request website.

Available to anyone with Internet access, prayer requests can be submitted all day, all night, everyday at www.ANCCPrayer.org.

"Prayer connects us to the ever-present source of all love," stated ANCC presiding Bishop George R. Lucey. "In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us 'I am telling you the truth, the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name;' we confidently bring our needs to a gracious God."

The ANCC Online Prayer Ministry joins the 2012 Advent daily mini-retreat (www.AdventRetreat.org) which will be launching with the first Sunday of Advent. Rev. Fr. Matthew R. Bailey, FCM, Vicar General added, "We have an army of prayer warriors, standing ready to support all in need. It is our privilege to offer this ministry."

The development of the Prayer Wall comes from a grant from the parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua American National Catholic Church in Centreville, VA. Fr. Jason Lody, FCM, pastor of St. Anthony's stated, "The women and men of St. Anthony of Padua ANCC are a devoted and prayerful community of faith. They are overjoyed to bring the promise of prayer to so many through this exciting ministry." Fr. Jason has invited his parishioners to spread the word about this ministry by placing the tagline, "Need a prayer? <u>www.ANCCprayer.org</u>" in their email signatures.

The ANCC is a Catholic community outside of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the church celebrates the traditional seven sacraments and follows the spirt of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. The Church has parishes across the United States and a host of ministries to the alienated, underserved and forgotten. For more information visit: www.theANCC.org.