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American National Catholics Incardinate Fr. Michael La Lone

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), joyfully announces that Fr. Michael J. La Lone is the newest clergy to join the ANCC.

“The entire ANCC community joins me in welcoming Fr. Mike and the parish community of St. Mary’s ANCC parish in Fort Lauderdale, Florida,” said the bishop. “Fr. Mike brings with him many years of pastoring an Independent Catholic parish, and is excited to belong again to a community gathered to proclaim the gospel of God's love to the world.”

Fr. Mike was educated at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana, earned a BA in Psychology and a Masters in Theological Studies, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1998. In addition to pastoring St. Mary’s, he also works for Broward Sheriff’s Office as a Treatment Supervisor for the Adjudicated Drug Court, where he is tasked with keeping people with addictions from going to prison. Fr. Mike has appeared on Miami PBS’s religious round table three times in the past 4 years.

Speaking of St. Mary’s decision to join the ANCC, Fr. Mike said, “We have been looking for a stable home for the church with a Bishop and clergy that are solid faith-filled people. We were looking for a home with a standard liturgy. We found this and more, and we have come home to the ANCC.”

The American National Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Although sharing core theological and liturgical practices with Roman Catholicism, the ANCC differs on several major points, such as married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage, and lay leadership. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, under-served, and forgotten. For more information, visit www.theANCC.org.

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