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American National Catholic Church to Ordain Donald Simon to the Diaconate

Presiding Bishop George Lucey, FCM, and the American National Catholic Church (ANCC) are pleased to announce that Mr. Donald Simon will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, June 3. The Mass of Ordination, to be celebrated by the Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the ANCC, will take place at First Congregational Church in Fargo, ND.

A Minnesota native who's lived in Fargo for over three decades, Mr. Simon has worked for the State of North Dakota for the past 20 years as a K12 Technology Specialist. He and his wife Claudia have been married for 37 years and have two grown children and two grandchildren.

A member for four years of St. Odilia ANCC, where he will also serve as deacon, Mr. Simon says that "the call to serve the people of God is strong in my heart and soul. In my ministry as deacon, I hope to serve my parish family and the American National Catholic Church in teaching and spreading the Good News of our Lord through service to the community and to all of God's people."

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.