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American National Catholic Church Welcomes Fr. Michael F.X. Hinkley

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), welcomes Fr. Michael F.X. Hinkley as the latest priest to incardinate into the ANCC. "I am filled with joy that Fr. Michael has joined his life to ours in the ANCC," said Bishop George. "He brings with him a prayerful spirit and a generous and wise heart."

Fr. Michael completed his undergraduate studies at The College of the Holy Cross and later earned the MA, two STL degrees and the STD degree at The North American College, Vatican City. He was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1991 in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

He served as pastor and rector at two inner city parishes and taught (Healthcare Ethics, Morals and Spirituality) from 1994 to 2009 at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As a Doctor of Theology, he served as Theologian to two Roman Catholic archbishops and as the Senior Healthcare Ethicist for the Archdiocese of Hartford. His academic studies and work introduced him to numerous church leaders and theologians, among them Pope John Paul II and Avery Cardinal Dulles.

In more recent years, after leaving the active ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, Fr. Michael earned degrees in clinical social work from Fordham University and began a counseling practice. He and his partner converted a farm they purchased into a treatment and recovery program providing specialized recovery services for the LGBTQ community. Fr. Hinkley continues as part-time clinical faculty at Quinnipiac University's School of Social Work.

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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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