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Incardination of Fr. Jonathan Tan

The Most Reverend George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church, is delighted to announce the incardination of Fr. Jonathan Tan.

Born in Singapore, Fr. Tan immigrated to the United States after a successful career in both Singapore and Taiwan. Sensing a call to the priesthood but rejected by the Roman Catholic church because of his sexual orientation, Fr. Tan was ordained in 2007 in the Orthodox tradition.

“We are overjoyed that Fr. Tan has found his way to the ANCC to continue to serve the Church as a priest,” remarked Bishop Lucey. “Fr. Tan joins us from an Orthodox jurisdiction and will participate in our liturgical formation program while continuing to build his community in California. Please join us in praying for Fr. Tan and his work in California.”

For his part, Fr. Tan says that he’s “excited to be a part of such a dynamic church. I thank the Lord for having led me to this path. I very much appreciate Presiding Bishop George for his kindness in welcoming me as well as the formation team and the American National Catholic Theological Institute (ANCTI) staff for preparing me for ministry in the ANCC. I look forward to working with all of you in the vineyard of the Lord.

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