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**Announcing the incardination of Frs. Matthew Schnabel and Alex Urena,  
and the establishment of the Mission of the Body of Christ**

With great joy, the American National Catholic Church announces the incardination of Frs. Matthew Schnabel and Alex Urena.

Fr. Matthew, a registered nurse, has joined us from another jurisdiction where he had served as associate pastor of a parish; now, with the ANCC, he has assumed the responsibility of pastor of Saints Francis and Clare American National Catholic parish in Wilton Manors, Florida. Fr. Matthew has transferred his vows as a Franciscan to the ANCC's Franciscan Community of Mercy.

Fr. Alex comes to us from the Roman Catholic diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he served as the diocesan Vocation Director. Fr. Alex is employed as a counselor in a Las Cruces psychiatric facility and has assumed parochial responsibilities at Holy Family American National Catholic parish.

Presiding Bishop George Lucey gives thanks to God for the addition of our new clergy and is grateful that both Frs. Alex and Matthew have discovered a Catholic jurisdiction to continue their priestly ministry to the People of God.

The American National Catholic Church is also pleased to announce the establishment of the Mission of the Body of Christ, under the direction of Fr. Bill Yanson in southern Pinellas County, Florida. The Mission will initially focus on ministry to the housing insecure working with other faith communities to provide sacramental and material support. Bishop George is grateful for the establishment of another ministry of the ANCC which incarnates the love of Christ in the world.

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