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The American National Catholic Church Welcomes Fr. Albert Risdorfer

The Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM, Presiding Bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), is pleased to announce the incardination of The Reverend Fr. Albert Risdorfer. Bishop George is grateful to God for the talented and committed people who come to join us in our mission to establish all-inclusive Catholic communities.

Fr. Risdorfer brings a wealth of experience to his ministry with a distinguished career spanning diverse sectors, including notable roles in human resources leadership and organizational development. Holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and a Master of Arts degree in Organization Development from Antioch University in Philadelphia, his educational background underscores his commitment to intellectual and spiritual growth.

Departing from traditional paths to the priesthood due to profound convictions on social justice and personal identity, Fr. Risdorfer's journey has led him to embrace a ministry deeply rooted in inclusivity and compassion. Ordained in May 2018 as a Deacon and subsequently as a priest in April 2019, his commitment to nurturing souls aligns perfectly with the ANCC's ethos of openness and acceptance. His leadership in establishing the Our Lady Undoer of Knots Inclusive Catholic Community (OLUK) in Baltimore exemplifies his vision for a church that embraces all.

We extend our warmest greetings to Fr. Risdorfer and eagerly anticipate the transformative impact he will undoubtedly bring to our community. The bishop asks all the faithful to join the church universal in praying that God who has begun this good work will bring it to completion.

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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