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American National Catholic Theological Institute Receives Authorization to Award Degrees from the Florida Commission for Independent Education

The American National Catholic Theological Institute (ANCTI) is proud to announce that, through the dedicated work and diligence of its administration, it has been granted official permission by the Florida Commission for Independent Education to award academic degrees.

This milestone is the fruit of the steadfast leadership and commitment of the Institute's administration: the Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Harmon, Rector; Dr. Eduardo Raul Rivas, Chief Academic Officer; and the Rev. Fr. Richard Sinicola, Vice-Rector. Their vision, perseverance, and hard work have earned the Institute the unique distinction of being one of the few independent Catholic jurisdictions to achieve this level of academic credibility and recognition.

This historic achievement underscores the ANCTI's mission of equipping clergy and laity with the theological, pastoral, and academic formation necessary to serve the People of God with excellence and faithfulness.

We give thanks to God for this moment of grace and invite the Church and our partners in ministry to join us in prayer:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We praise you and give you glory:
We bless you for calling us to be your holy people.*

*Remain in our hearts,
And guide us in our love and service.
Help us to let our light shine before others
And lead them to the way of faith.*

*Holy Trinity of love,
We praise you now and forever. Amen.*