

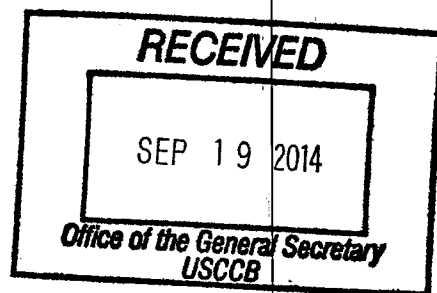


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PRO CLERICIS

From the Vatican, 10 September 2014

Prot. N. 20143000

His Excellency  
The Most Rev. Joseph E. Kurtz  
Archbishop of Louisville  
President, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Your Excellency,

I hasten to acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of 19 August last, whereby you request the renewal of the *recognitio* of the *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* for a further *quinquennium*.

Please find enclosed the requested Rescript.

The Congregation would welcome the study of the document as proposed in the aforementioned letter and a consultation with interested parties, with a view to its possible revision at the conclusion of the approved *quinquennium*. Naturally, such a revision would then require the study of the document by this and other interested Dicasteries of the Holy See prior to the issuance of the *recognitio*.

I willingly avail myself of the occasion to renew my sentiments of high esteem and best wishes, as I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Beniamino Card. Stella  
*Prefect*

(With 1 Enclosure)

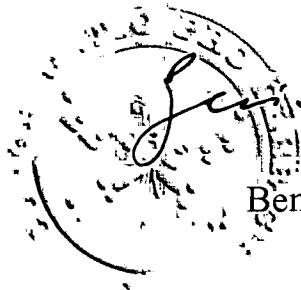


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### DECRETUM

Conferentia Episcoporum Foederatarum Civitatum Americae Septemtrionalis petente ut sua *Ratio institutionis ministerii et vitae diaconorum permanentium* recognitioni Sanctae Sedis fruatur etiam post tempus experimenti iam expletum, haec Congregatio pro Clericis, omnibus rite perpensis, libenter praefatae Rationi, cui titulus *National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*, ad alterum quinquennium approbat.

Romae,  
ex aedibus Congregationis,  
die X mensis Septembris, a.D. MMXIV



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Praefectus

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