WITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please indicate your name and address, the nature of your relationship with the petitioner, and how long you have known him.

A. Insofar as you are able, describe the petitioner's background in relation to:

1. The educational, social, economic, and religious aspects of the family.
2. The relationship of the petitioner to his parents and siblings.
3. The ways the family served as an influence during the time of his priestly formation and subsequent priestly ministry.

B. Insofar as you are able, describe the petitioner prior to his ordination:

1. Was there anything said or done that caused you to doubt the future success of his priestly ministry?
2. Was there any unusual or abnormal behavior on his part during this time, such as excessive use of alcohol and/or the use of other drugs, periods of depression, jealousy, frequent arguments? Explain.
3. Did he exhibit signs of irresponsible or impulsive behavior, unusual fears, over-reactions or under-reactions in emotional situations? Explain.
4. Were there incidents of extreme selfishness or thoughtlessness with regard to others' feelings? Explain.

C. Insofar as you are able, describe the petitioner at the time of his ordination:

1. How would you describe his motivation for ordination?
2. Was he settled and at peace with the decision?
3. Did he exhibit enthusiasm about the event?
4. Comment on your estimation of his basic maturity, goals, system of values at the time of ordination.
5. Were there any unpleasant or negative situations that might have influenced him to be ordained at this time?
6. Are you aware of any pressure he may have been under to accept ordination?

D. Insofar as you are able, describe the petitioner after his ordination:

1. Did he enjoy his priestly ministry and find it rewarding?
2. What expectations did he bring to the priesthood that were not met?
3. Was he able to meet the needs of the people to whom he was sent to minister?
4. In what ways did he take initiative in responding to pastoral needs in his priestly ministry?
5. Was he able to cope with his responsibilities in the priesthood?
6. Did he get along with his co-workers, clerical and lay? Did he show consideration and sensitivity to others in the rectory?
7. In situations of conflict, could he compromise with others to resolve differences?
8. Did he exhibit anger in an appropriate manner, or did he hold it in, act out in aggressive behavior, or seek revenge?
9. Did those to whom he ministered perceive him as a spiritual priest?
10. Were his personal values and private life consistent with his priestly obligations?

E. Following the onset of difficulties with his vocation:

1. How early in his priestly ministry did serious problems arise?
2. What were these problems and how were they resolved?
3. Did he have any problems with celibacy? Please explain.
4. Do you believe that he was capable of a life-long commitment to the priesthood?
5. Can you provide examples illustrating where he might have failed to fulfill or been unable to fulfill his priestly responsibilities?

F. Are there any other comments you would like to add?

G. At the end of your testimony, please include the following statement:

I promise before God that in the foregoing testimony I have told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. I promise also that I will keep secret the questions proposed to me and the answers which I have given. So help me God and His Holy Gospels.

Then sign and date your testimony.