

# THE CANONICAL SYMMARTYRIA

The God-preaching Apostles and after them the Assembly of the Godbearing Fathers who established that all things be done rightly and in good order canonically decreed that no one be deemed worthy of the divine order of the priesthood without a thorough inquiry and careful examination, lest the Most Holy Mysteries be celebrated by those who are unworthy. Thus, my spiritual son (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ the son of (*name*) \_\_\_\_\_ from (*city and state/province*) \_\_\_\_\_ came before me requesting to receive the great office of the priesthood. Standing him before the sacred icon of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ, I searched the depths of his heart. Having also learned of him and his conduct from reliable and trustworthy men and not finding in him any impediment, I bear witness that he, being of mature age, is **WORTHY** of the office of the priesthood, as the Canons prescribe. Therefore, this letter of canonical confirmation is hereby given to him as evidence of this evaluation and is validated by my signature, as well as the personal testimonies of the witnesses.

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*(Signature of the Spiritual Father)*

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*(Date)*

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*(Signature of the 1<sup>st</sup> Witness)*

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*(Signature of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Witness)*

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