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UFFICIO NAZIONALE PER LA COOPERAZIONE MISSIONARIA TRA LE CHIESE
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CONVENTION

FOR PASTORAL SERVICE IN ITALY

BY DIOCESAN PRESBYTERS FROM FOREIGN DIOCESES

His Excellency Mons. _____

Bishop of the diocese of _____

and His Excellency Mons. _____

Bishop of the diocese of _____

in the State of _____

united in the bonds of ecclesial communion, in compliance with the principles and criteria proposed by the Magisterium of the Church, pursuant to canon 271 of the code of canon law, with this *Convention* hereby establish a relationship of cooperation and exchange between their respective Churches through the pastoral service of the presbyter

Nome _____

Surname _____

born at _____ on _____

tax ID number _____

email _____

ordained on _____

incardinated in the diocese of _____

sent to Italy for:

missionary cooperation service between Churches

Art. 1

SERVICE

1. The Bishop that receives, in accordance with the request of the Bishop that sends (enclosure 1 and 2), and with the consent of the person in question (enclosure 3), receives the presbyter for pastoral service in his own church for a period of three years, renewable by common agreement for a similar period of time, up to a maximum total of nine years.
2. The presbyter:
 - obtained the certificate of enrolment to the Italian course for the achievement of the levels A1 and A2 provided by an institution entitled to the certification required. The course can be taken at approved Centres for study or at “Centro Unitario per la Formazione Missionaria” (Fondazione Missio- Sezione CUM.), as demonstrated in the documentation enclosed with the present *Convention* (enclosure 5);
 - sent to the service of “*cooperation between Churches*”, provided to acquire the appropriate training to his condition at “Centro Unitario per la Formazione Missionaria” (Fondazione Missio- Sezione CUM.), as demonstrated in the documentation enclosed with the present *Convention* (enclosure 6)
3. After the expected time of nine years, the possibility to activate a new Convention is not allowed, with this particular Church or with other ones in Italy.
4. This present Convention shall be drawn up in four copies, intended respectively for the Curia of the origin Church, the Curia of destination Church, the presbyter concerned and the National Office for missionary cooperation between Churches.

Art. 2

METHOD OF SERVICE

1. The presbyter undertakes to perform the ministry entrusted to him in communion with the Bishop who receives, the presbyterium and the community. He shall work in harmony with the pastoral plan of the diocese that receives him, participating in particular in the initiatives aimed at the clergy and shall maintain links with his Church of origin, to which he offers the fruits of this particular experience.
2. The presbyter, in a spirit of obedience and collaboration with the Bishop of the Church that receives him, likewise makes himself available to perform other ministries, upon prior agreement with the Bishop of the Church that sends.

Art. 3

SUPPORT OF THE PRESBYTER

1. The presbyter, by virtue of this Convention, has a right to be included in the system of support for the clergy, on condition that he dedicates himself full time to the office to which he is appointed.
2. Inclusion in the system of support for the clergy also includes the welfare and insurance cover prescribed by Italian legislation in this matter.

Art. 4

LEAVE AND TRAINING PERIODS

1. The presbyter has the right to make use each year of a period of leave, determined by each particular law, in order to ensure a necessary amount of rest.
2. For theological training, pastoral updating, spiritual exercises and retreats, the presbyter ordinarily makes use of the opportunities offered by the particular Church in which he operates and of the initiatives promoted by the organisations of the C.E.I. (I.E.C.)

Art. 5

ACCOMPANIMENT

1. The Bishop of the Church that sends follows the presbyter with special care, he visits him in person or through a delegate and keeps him informed about the life of his own Church and Country.
2. The Bishop of the Church that receives, in turn, stands guarantor for the conditions of spiritual and material life of the actual presbyter during periods of permanence in his diocese.
3. The Bishop of the Church that receives, including by involving the Diocesan Missionary Centre, accompanies the presbyter, favouring his inclusion in diocesan pastoral activities and enhancing his presence.

Art. 6

RETURN TO THE DIOCESE OF ORIGIN

1. The presbyter returns to his diocese of origin upon expiry of the present *Convention*.
2. The Bishop of the Church that sends, having consulted the Bishop of the Church that receives and for good cause, can recall the presbyter to his diocese of origin, rescinding in advance the present *Convention*.
3. The Bishop of the Church that receives, having consulted the Bishop of the Church that sends and for good cause, may rescind in advance the present *Convention*.
4. In the presence of grave causes each Bishop, having consulted the other Bishop, is able to dispose the immediate return of the presbyter, where appropriate.

Art. 7

CHANGE OF DIOCESE

1. If, at the written request of the Bishop that sends, a change of diocese is allowed, the duration of the years comes to cumulated, up to a maximum total of nine years.
2. Just one change of diocese is allowed.

3. It is required to the Ordinary of the diocese where the presbyter was previously in service to compile the certificate of good conduct.

The present *Convention* dates from _____ to _____

Place _____ Date _____

(stamp) The Bishop of the Church that sends _____.

Place _____ Date _____

(stamp) The Bishop of the Church that receives _____.

Place _____ Date _____

The presbyter _____

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Place _____ Date _____

Enclosures:

1. Request by the Bishop of the Church that sends with approval of the Apostolic Nuncio.
2. Declarations of the Bishop of the Church that sends: *curriculum vitae* of the presbyter, *celebret*, certificate of good character.
3. Statement attesting consent of the presbyter.
4. Medical certificate of the presbyter.
5. Certificate of enrolment to the Italian course for the level A1 e A2.
6. Certificate of training course at Centro Unitario per la Formazione Missionaria.