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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 THE MISSION TERRITORIES* FOR STUDY PURPOSES

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 the present *Convention* establish a relationship of cooperation and exchange between their respective Churches of the presbyter

Nome _____

Surname _____

born at _____ on _____

tax ID number _____

email _____

ordained on _____ incardinated in the diocese of _____

Country _____

* mission territories/dioceses are the region ecclesiastical who depend upon the Congregation of the Evangelization of the People

Art. 1

SERVICE

1. The Bishop of the Church that sends, having sought the opinion of his collaborators and obtained the consent of the person in question, has decided to send the presbyter to obtain a course of studies in _____, at (University, Faculty of Theology/etc) _____ (enclosure 1 and 2).
2. The Bishop of the Church that receives guarantees that:
 - a) The service entrusted to the presbyter does not involve the performance of duties which may compromise the due course of his studies.
 - b) The service itself does not require the stability prescribed by law;
 - c) The service shall end by the date fixed for the final return of the presbyter to his diocese of origin, or any other moment in time decided by the Bishop who is sending or the Bishop who is receiving.

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 Bishop of the Church that receives guarantees the presbyter adequate pastoral accompaniment through the Diocesan Missionary Centre and will promote the integration in the diocesan reality by introducing same preferably within a team of priests.

Art. 3

CONTRIBUTION TO THE DIOCESE THAT RECEIVES

1. The Bishop of the Church that sends allocates resources for his support such as to satisfy his ordinary requirements for the entire period of study.
2. The Bishop of the Church that receives guarantees the presbyter food and lodging for the days of actual permanence in the diocese and a proportional subsidy.
3. To allow the above mentioned to be put in place, the Italian Episcopal Conference pays the receiving diocese an annual contribution up to a maximum amount of € 6.850,00, plus the fee required to register the presbyter with the National Health Service. The present *Convention* does not in any case constitute title for the inclusion of the presbyter in the

diocesan Institute for the support of the clergy.

4. The presbyter who benefit of scholarship from the Congregation of the Evangelization of the People is not entitled to have activate to his diocese of origin.

Art. 4

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 and follows this study progress.
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 and verifies the correct performance of his course of study.
3. The Bishop of the Church that receives, including by involving the Diocesan Missionary Centre, must be the guarantor of the spiritual and material condition of the own presbyter during the period of presence in his diocese and verifies the study completion.

Art. 5

EARLY RETURN

1. The sent presbyter returns to his diocese of origin at the end 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* (can. 271,§ 3).
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* (can. 271,§ 3).
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. 6

RENEWAL OF THE CONVENTION

1. The present *Convention* is drawn up in four copies, one each respectively for the See of the Church of provenance, the See of the Church of destination, the presbyter involved and the National Office for missionary cooperation between Churches.
2. If, in the opinion of the two Bishops, it is necessary to extend the period of study, the Bishop of the Church that sends shall make a written motivated request to the Bishop of the Church that receives, extending, with appropriate form, the duration of the new *Convention*. A copy of the documentation must be transmitted to the National Office for missionary cooperation between Churches. This extension is permitted for the achievement of only one academic qualification, up to doctorate level. Specialised courses, master and

other optional course are not included. In any case the maximum duration of the Convention must not overcome nine years.

3. For the transition to the *Convention for pastoral service in Italy by diocesan presbyters from foreign dioceses* is required the completion of the academic qualification as well as the return to his own diocese for an appropriate period of time that can be approximately three years. This additional convention, from convention for studies purposes to convention for pastoral service, must have a three-year expiry, authorized by the Italian Bishop Conference's Presidency.

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 an indication of the subject of study, of the maximum duration of courses and of the chosen University.
2. Certificate of enrolment or pre-enrolment and/or attendance at the University.
3. Declarations of the Bishop of the Church that sends: *curriculum vitae* of the presbyter, *celebret*, certificate of good conduct.
4. Copy of identity card