

Report of Examining Chaplain 2023

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To the members of the Missionary Diocese, in Convention assembled:

1. There was one clergyman examined, this year, Deacon Anthony Cirilla. He was examined at St. Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Church in Branson, MO, on 25 March, 2023.
2. Fr. Jim McTaggart, the Rector of St. Joseph's, Deacon Kenyon Bunch and Mr. Don Holland, their wives, and Deacon Cirilla's wife Camarie were present. I conducted the examination in an interview format.
3. I used questions previously submitted by members of the Examining Chaplains committee, grouped into the general categories of "theology", "the Bible", "the Anglican Church", and "pastoral responsibilities". Among the questions asked were "Pick one or two Articles of Religion, explain them in your own words, and relate them to your potential duties as a Presbyterian". "Using the Gospel of Matthew as a template, explain the Gospel as you expect to preach it." "Choose a position on the Book of Revelation; explain it and relate it to your view of Christian Revelation." "Define and explain "*episcopos*, *presbyteros* and *diaconos*, as you understand them." "Are we bound by the "Laws" of the Old Testament?" "Relate the Old Testament to the New." "What are the Sacraments celebrated by the UECNA?" " If a new, absolutely authentic letter from St. Paul were found, would it be Scripture? Why or why not?" Most, if not all, were followed up with "follow-ups" raised by the original questions. The interview began at 2:00 p.m. and was terminated at 3:00 p.m.
4. Deacon Cirilla's knowledge was demonstrated clearly and enthusiastically. In my opinion he more than acquitted himself as qualified to be ordained as a Presbyterian.