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June 3, 1998

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Vermont Service Center
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, Vermont 05470-0001

Re: Temporary visa as a Minister of Religion
Beneficiary: Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera

Dear Immigration Examiner:

I am writing this letter to request a temporary visa as a Minister of Religion on behalf of Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera. We desire to have Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera assume the duties as priest with the Society of Saint John. The Society of Saint John is a new order established in our Diocese of Scranton as a new clerical association of Christian faithful.

The Diocese of Scranton was formed and incorporated on March 3, 1868, as a religious corporation under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Our diocese has been granted exception from Pennsylvania income taxation by the State Department of Revenue. We are recognized as exempt under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Society of Saint John is a group of Catholic priests and clerics dedicated to serve the community. Their mission is to offer liturgical apostolate based on a full liturgical life, create Catholic communities in close cooperation with interested laity, where the life of faith and nature can find a proper setting, and also offer intellectual and spiritual support to Catholic youth going to college through University chaplaincy.

Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera studied at St. Pius X Seminary, in Econe, Switzerland. He pursued his vocation as a member of the Society Saint Pius X, serving as a priest for four years in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and then for five years in Mendoza, Argentina, where he became the prior. Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera is now a founding member of the Society of Saint John where he will continue to serve as a Catholic priest.



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Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera was ordained as a priest on June 29, 1989. By virtue of his ordination he is authorized to perform as a pastor of the church conducting worship, celebrating Mass, officiating at weddings, funerals and other sacramental functions.

His duties at the Society of Saint John will be to carry out the tasks entrusted to the Society and described above. In addition, he will be of service to our community by serving as a chaplain at St. Gregory's Academy, a Catholic high school in our diocese. In this function, he will be required to say Mass, hear confessions, and offer spiritual guidance to the youth.

Father Carlos Bernardo Terrera will receive \$20,000.00 a year. As a full-time priest, he will not be dependent on any kind of supplemental employment or solicitation of funds for his support.

Your prompt action on this petition is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D.
Bishop of Scranton