



Catholic Diocese of Peoria

Office of the Vicar General

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Most Reverend Michael W. Warfel
Diocese of Great Falls-Billings
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Your Excellency:

In light of the provisions of canon 903 *CIC* and canon 703 § *CCEO*, I write to inform you that Monsignor Michael Bliss is an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Peoria who currently serves as Pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Monticello, and St. Michael Parish, Bement, Illinois. Monsignor Bliss will be exercising ministry within your diocese June 26 - July 1, 2023. He will be attending the Catholic HEART Workcamp in Billings, Montana, and plans to celebrate or concelebrate Mass and hear Confessions during this time period.

In regard to Monsignor Michael Bliss, I am able to make the following statements:

- He is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- I know of nothing that would in any way limit or disqualify him from this ministry.
- I am unaware of anything in his background that would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.
- Monsignor Michael Bliss has satisfied our diocese's safe environment training and associated background investigation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Philip D. Halfacre
Vicar General



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