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COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA CONSUMER PRACTICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 1005.04

American National Theological Institute (ANCTI), under its present authority and tax-exempt standing, commits to these consumer practices to guarantee openness, equity, and honesty in every interaction with students, whether it involves directly asking them to enroll or doing so indirectly.



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NOTE: A copy of this document and the ANCTI Catalog are given to all students.

PURPOSE

MISSION

The American National Catholic Theological Institute is a theological and educational resource for the American National Catholic Church. Its primary mission is to form qualified women and men for the Catholic priesthood by providing quality theological education and programs for spiritual development. Institute programs are also offered to lay persons seeking a deeper knowledge of their faith and to clergy seeking opportunities for continuing education.

VISION

Rooted in the apostolic community gathered around Jesus Christ, the American National Catholic Theological Institute forms seminarians, clergy, and lay people according to the Heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd by fostering deeper intellectual and spiritual knowledge and bonds of community in the context of the new evangelization of the twenty-first century.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ANCTI offers-

- **M. Div. (Master of Divinity in Theological Studies)** - 70 Units Priesthood track
- **M.A. (Master of Arts in Theological Studies)** – 40 units Diaconate track
- **Certificate Program:** At least 15 units that must include all marked with # in the course catalog.

Please note: Courses marked with an * are required for the M.A. track. Those marked with # are used as a basis for the certificate program.

Students must register for STEP courses directly through the University of Notre Dame's website. Seminarians and other students may augment their studies by enrolling in the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life's STEP program when an ANCTI course is not being taught during a particular term. Only those STEP courses identified as "Authorized STEP Course Equivalents" will count toward completion of program requirements. The prior approval of the Vice Rector is required before registration in a STEP course. Registration in STEP courses is not done through the ANCTI; registration must

be completed directly through the STEP online course registration portal. A list of all current STEP courses being offered as well as the link for registration may be found here: <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/online-courses/step/courses>. Please note that STEP course offerings are determined by the McGrath Institute and not by the ANCTI, which has no affiliation with the McGrath Institute.

The ANCTI grants three units of credit for most STEP courses. Upon completion of a STEP course, seminarians must transmit a true and correct copy of their certificate of completion to the Rector before credit will be recorded.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

The American National Catholic Theological Institute ("ANCTI" or "Institute") is a non-accredited private theological school offering courses of study and spiritual formation under the auspices of the American National Catholic Church ("ANCC") for seminarians of the ANCC and other independent Catholic jurisdictions, for its clergy's continuing education, and for the deepening of its members' understanding of their faith and practice.

ANCTI operates under the laws of the State of Florida, committed to maintaining transparency and ethical standards. The university's status, educational programs, descriptions of its virtual learning environment, fee structure, and policies are fully disclosed in the ANCTI catalog and on the official website.

KEY DISCLOSURES

- **Licensure Status:** Details about the university's licensure/exempt status is available in the ANCTI Catalog.
- **Fee Schedule, Financial Assistance, Tuition, and Refund Policies:** Information about tuition, fees, and refund policies is available in the ANCTI Catalog. The catalog is given to each prospective seminarian/student before enrolling in programs/courses.
- **Credit Transferability:** The ANCTI does not represent to its students or any academic institution that its courses may be transferrable or applied to another institution's program of studies.

STUDENT EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

ANCTI uses reliable methods to assess the ability of prospective seminarians/students to successfully complete their chosen course of study before accepting them into a program. Our ANCTI formation team plays a critical role in this process, as do our ANCTI administration and professors.

EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT SERVICES

Career Support: The institute offers each seminarian the support necessary for them to be effective priests and/or deacons within a parish and/or institution. This is accomplished through ANCTI staff support directly with our students, and with the involvement of the American National Catholic Church's formation team.

No Guarantees: While ANCTI and ANCC assists in career development, it does not promise guaranteed job placements, market availability, or specific salary outcomes, focusing instead on equipping seminarians/students with skills and knowledge for meaningful religious engagement.

PROGRAM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

ANCTI does not offer programs that lead to state or national licensure. The degree programs are categorized as religious programs and do not equate to a traditional secular degree. Educational programs are designed for catholic parishes and communities, private religious schools and private educational practices, where licensing is not required.

ACCURATE AND NON-MISLEADING ADVERTISING

ANCTI is committed to transparency in all advertisements, ensuring promotional materials accurately reflect the university's offerings:

- **Clear Program Descriptions:** All program descriptions accurately represent course content, objectives, and outcomes.
- **Accurate Accreditation Statements:** ANCTI does not imply any unearned accreditation status.
- **Truthful Career Outcomes:** ANCTI avoids exaggerated claims regarding job placements or earnings.
- **No False Promises of Licensure:** ANCTI clearly differentiates religious and private school-focused programs from licensure-requiring degrees.
- **Transparent Financial Information:** Tuition, fees, and financial assistance are presented accurately with no hidden costs.
- **Honest Depiction of Facilities and Online Learning:** ANCTI's facilities, resources, and online learning courses are presented realistically, ensuring prospective students understand what to expect.
- **Accurate Testimonial Use:** All testimonials are authentic and used with permission.

- **Prompt Correction of Errors:** ANCTI commits to correcting any misleading information promptly.

ONLINE SAFETY AND SECURITY

ANCTI ensures a secure online learning environment through advanced security measures. Procedures for reporting incidents of online harassment or data breaches are detailed in the ANCTI Catalog.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

ANCTI publishes and adheres to clear policies and procedures for handling student complaints, disciplinary actions, and appeals. Detailed procedures are outlined in the ANCTI Catalog.

COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITY

ANCTI is responsible for demonstrating compliance with fair consumer practices and participates in any required investigations to ensure compliance.



American National Catholic Theological Institute LEADERSHIP

Most Rev. George R. Lucey, FCM, Chancellor and Presiding Bishop

Very Rev. Joseph A. Harmon, JD, Rector

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