FORM REQUESTING THE BISHOP TO CONSIDER ISSUING A LAY PERSON WITH A LICENCE TO PREACH

A meeting of the Church Council of the Parish/Pastoral District of …….

held on the …….. day of …….…….. 201…... resolved to request the Bishop to consider the following a person suitable to be Licenced to Preach in this Parish/Pastoral District. As a Council we acknowledged that we would welcome such a ministry should it be authorised.

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Surname	Christian name	Email

As the Parish Priest or the person responsible during a vacancy I confirm that the Council realise that a Licence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and these are directly related to the person's formation, training and education and their willingness to participate in ongoing formation.

We further acknowledge that the Licence is granted at the sole discretion of the Bishop who is the one with responsibility for the teaching ministry in the Diocese. In order that he can exercise this responsibility, we realise that he has to take account of both the experience and training of the above named as well as the needs of this Parish/Pastoral District and the wider ministry of the Church.

Signed ……. Name ……..