



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community

We are the hands and feet of Christ.

Fr. Thomas P. Babu, Pastor

July 2, 2026

To Whom it may concern:

Dr. Mary-Ellen "Mel" Kennedy is a lay member of the Diocese of Reno and is currently a member of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Carson City, NV.

She has been active in our parish and has additionally assisted other parishes with education programs for a variety of staff and musicians and has provided workshops for our own Diocesan Conference.

I am able to make each of the statements listed below:

- She is a Catholic in good standing with the Diocese of Reno.
- She is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- She is in compliance with all of our Safe Environment requirements for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults.
- I know of nothing that would in any way limit or disqualify her from ministry, including with minors and vulnerable adults.

Based on my inquiries, Dr. Kennedy is fully qualified to serve as a lay person in an effective and suitable manner.

Respectfully in Christ,

Reverend Thomas Babu, Pastor

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Please affix the seal of the parish

