

DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON**ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CANON 2000-2010*****Preamble***

Whereas it is expedient to better define the role of the building known as St Paul's Cathedral and to make provision for the Cathedral Chapter and for the appointment and election of Clerical and Lay Canons of St Paul's Cathedral BE IT THEREFORE DECLARED AND ESTABLISHED by the Bishop Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Rockhampton assembled in Synod as follows:

Short Title

1. This Canon may be cited as the "St Paul's Cathedral Canon 2000-2010".

Repeal

2. The "St Paul's Cathedral Canon" is hereby repealed.

Interpretation

3. In this Canon or in any regulation or by law made pursuant to the provisions of this Canon unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires or indicates —

"Cathedral" means the Cathedral Church of St Paul erected on the Corner of William Street and Alma Street Rockhampton;

"Chapter" means the Cathedral Chapter constituted pursuant to this Canon;

"Cathedral Parish" means the Parish of St Paul's Cathedral constituted under the "Parish Canon" and any amendment thereto;

"Dean" means the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral appointed under this Canon;

"Parish Canon" means the Parish Canon 1974-1997 and includes any future amendment thereto and any Canon enacted in substitution therefore.

Cathedral

4. (1) The Cathedral is and shall continue to be the Cathedral Church of the Diocese. The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese and is the symbol and centre of Diocesan unity from which the Bishop exercises the Bishop's ministry as teacher pastor and overseer.
- (2) The principal functions of the Cathedral shall be:
 - (a) to promote the unity, spiritual welfare and well-being of the Diocese;
 - (b) to facilitate ministry to all sections of the community within the Diocese of Rockhampton;
 - (c) to be the parish church of the Cathedral Parish and the principal place from which the ministry of the Cathedral Parish is conducted;

- (d) to maintain the daily round of prayer and praise;
- (e) to provide services for Diocesan, National, State, Civic and other special occasions approved by the Bishop;
- (f) to facilitate pastoral, theological, liturgical, musical and other appropriate forms of training;
- (g) to facilitate the staging of appropriate musical, dramatic and artistic performances or events;
- (h) to facilitate the promotion of Christian unity.

The Dean

5. The Rector of the Cathedral Parish of St Paul solely by virtue of holding that office shall be the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral and shall have the title "Dean of St Paul's Cathedral". In the event of the licence of a person as Rector of the Cathedral parish being suspended or revoked the appointment of such person as Dean shall be deemed to have been forthwith suspended or revoked as the case may be and such person shall immediately cease to use the said title.

Rights and Duties of Dean

6. (1) In so far as any rights or duties are conferred or imposed upon the Dean as Rector of the Cathedral Parish such rights or duties are to be governed to the extent to which the "Parish Canon" applies, by the provisions of that Canon.
- (2) In so far as any rights or duties are conferred or imposed upon the Dean as the Dean such rights or duties are to be governed, to the extent to which this Canon applies, by the provisions of this Canon.
- (3) In the event of its being necessary to determine whether any rights or duties of the Dean are governed by the provisions of the "Parish Canon" or by this Canon, the question shall be determined by the Bishop whose determination shall be conclusive.

Inconsistency with Parish Canon

7. The provisions of the "Parish Canon" shall apply to the Cathedral parish except to the extent of any inconsistency with this Canon in which event the provisions of this Canon shall apply.

Cathedral Chapter

8. (1) There shall be a Cathedral Chapter which shall consist of :-
The Bishop
The Dean
An Archdeacon appointed by the Bishop to the Chapter
The Chancellor
2 Clerical Canons
2 Lay Canons
The Churchwardens for the time being of the Cathedral Parish
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary of the Chapter but unless the Registrar is otherwise entitled to be a member of the Chapter shall not be a member of the Chapter.

Appointment and Election of Canons

9. (1) The Bishop may appoint 1 qualified person to be a Clerical Canon and 1 qualified person to be a Lay Canon and whenever either of such Canonries becomes vacant the Bishop may appoint another qualified person to fill any such vacancy.
- (2) Any Canon holding office under the repealed canon shall continue in office under and subject to the provisions of this Canon.
- (3) 1 Clerical Canon and 1 Lay Canon shall be elected by the Synod. At each sitting of the Synod, if any elective Canonry is vacant, the President shall so declare and the Synod shall by ballot elect a qualified person to fill any such vacancy.
- (4) For the purposes of this section “qualified person” shall mean:
 - (a) in the case of a Clerical Canon, a member of the licensed clergy resident in the Diocese and who has been a member of the clergy for at least 6 years;
 - (b) in the case of a Lay Canon an adult member of this Church resident in the Diocese and who has been a member of this church for at least 6 years and who is also a member of the Synod.

Vacancy in the Canonries

10. (1) A canonry whether appointed or elected shall become vacant when any of the following occurs:
 - (a) the Canon dies;
 - (b) the Canon resigns in writing addressed to the Bishop and the Bishop accepts such resignation;
 - (c) the Bishop by notice in writing declares that the canonry is vacant;
 - (d) the Canon leaves the Diocese with the intention of residing permanently outside the Diocese;
 - (e) in the case of a Clerical Canon the person's licence is suspended or revoked by the Bishop;
 - (f) the Canon becomes incapable of acting by reason of having been declared of unsound mind by an order or judgement of any State or Commonwealth Court or Tribunal;
 - (g) the Canon ceases to be a “qualified person” within the meaning of that term in Section 9.

For the purposes of paragraph (c), the giving of notice shall be in the absolute discretion of the Bishop who shall not be required to assign any reason therefore and whose decision shall be final.

- (2) The Bishop may in the sole discretion of the Bishop and by licence under the hand and seal of the Bishop on such terms and for such period as the Bishop thinks fit, permit any person who has previously been appointed or elected to a canonry to use

or continue to use the title of "Canon" and any such licence may be revoked at the pleasure of the Bishop without the Bishop being required to assign any reason therefor.

Declaration of Submission by members of Chapter

11. Before sitting in the Chapter every member of the Chapter shall make and subscribe the following declaration:

"I A.B., do hereby declare that in the exercise of my office as a member of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Paul in the Diocese of Rockhampton I will hold my office in due submission to the Bishop and the Synod and that I will conform in all respects to the provisions of the St Paul's Cathedral Canon 2000".

Functions of the Chapter

12. The functions of the Chapter shall be:-
- (a) to advise the Bishop at the Bishop's request on all matters concerning the spiritual welfare of the Diocese;
 - (b) to develop and foster the ministry of the Cathedral to the Diocese;
 - (c) to consult with the Parish Council of the Cathedral Parish in respect of any matters concerning the fabric of the Cathedral;
 - (d) to advise the Bishop-in-Council as to the state of the fabric of the Cathedral and as to the expenditure of funds (if any) provided by the Diocese for the maintenance renovation, restoration or alteration of the Cathedral;
 - (e) to advise the Bishop-in-Council at its request as to any other matters concerning the Cathedral in its functions as set out under clause 4 (2).

Meetings of the Chapter

13. (1) The Bishop shall be the chairman at all meetings of the Chapter and in the absence of the Bishop, the chairman of such meetings shall be a person appointed in writing by the Bishop or in the absence of such an appointment a person elected by the members of the Chapter present at the meeting.
- (2) The Bishop shall convene a meeting of the Chapter at least once each calendar year.
- (3) The Chairman of any meeting of the Chapter shall be entitled to a deliberative but not a casting vote.
- (4) A quorum for any meeting of the Chapter shall be 5 members of whom at least 2 shall be clerical members and at least 2 shall be lay members.
- (5) No member of the Chapter shall be entitled to more than one vote, notwithstanding that the member is the holder of more than one office which entitles the member to membership of the Chapter.

Control of Cathedral Services

14. (1) The Bishop shall have the right to control all Diocesan Services, all Bishop's, Archbishop's and Primate's Services held in the Cathedral or in connection therewith as distinct from the normal services of the Cathedral Parish and shall have the right of arranging all such services at any time which the Bishop thinks appropriate.
- (2) The determination as to what constitutes a Diocesan Service or a Bishop's, Archbishop's or Primate's Service shall be made by the Bishop whose decision shall be conclusive.

Right of Bishop to Preach

15. The Bishop shall have the right to preach and or officiate at any service held in the Cathedral.

Devotion of Collection

16. All loose cash collections made at all Diocesan Services, all Bishop's, Archbishop's and Primate's Services shall be devoted to such purposes as may be directed by Canon or in default of any such direction by the Bishop.

The term "loose cash" for the purposes of this section shall mean all coin, bank notes and (except as hereinafter provided) all cheques in any collection as aforesaid which are not enclosed in printed envelopes provided by the Cathedral Parish for the offerings of parishioners of the Cathedral Parish provided that any cheque in any such collection payable to a specific payee shall not be included in the term "loose cash".