

**DIOCESES OF CANADA EAST AND CANADA WEST
THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA
INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE, 2004**

No. 1, 2004/No. 3, 2016

An Ordinance to simplify the preparation, enactment and construction of Ordinances and Rules of the Diocesan Synod and of Regulations made thereunder.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF CANADA OF THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA ORDAINS AND ENACTS as follows:

Citation

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the “Interpretation Ordinance, 2004”.

Preamble

2. Except where expressly provided by some Act or Ordinance, it shall not be necessary for any Ordinance or Rule to have a preamble.

Commencement Date of a Rule

3. Unless a Rule otherwise provides it shall commence upon the date of receiving the Bishop’s assent.

Commencement Date of a Rule

4. Unless a Regulation otherwise provides it shall commence upon the date on which it is made.

Text of Ordinances and Rules

5. Subject to Section 28 of the *Diocesan Ordinance, 2013* a copy of an Ordinance or Rule as printed in a year book, the official Minutes of a Session of Synod or other official publication of the Diocese shall be presumed to contain the true text of a valid Ordinance or Rule of the Synod, and the date of assent so published shall be presumed to be the actual date of assent.

Interpretation of Ordinances, Rules and Regulations

6. In this Ordinance and in all Ordinances, Rules and Regulations from time to time in force in the Diocese unless contrary intention appears –
 - a. Definitions in the Interpretation Act of the Dominion of Canada as from time to time in force shall apply.
 - b. The words set out in the first Column of the Schedule to this Ordinance shall bear the meaning set out in the second column of that Schedule.
 - c. The definitions of words and phrases provided for in Subsection 112(3) of the *Constitution of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada* shall apply.

Gender and Number

7. In any Ordinance, Rule or Regulation unless the contrary intention appears words importing the masculine gender (other than a reference, however expressed, to a bishop, priest or deacon) shall include the other genders, and the singular shall include the plural, and *vice versa*.

Updating References to other Ordinances, Rules and Regulations

8. Where an Ordinance, Rule or Regulation or a provision of an Ordinance, Rule or Regulation is referred to in another Ordinance, Rule or Regulation and the Ordinance, Rule or Regulation or provision so referred to has, at the time the reference is made, been amended or is subsequently amended, the reference extends to the Ordinance, Rule, Regulation or provision as amended.

Reprinting Ordinances, Rules and Regulations which have been amended

9. (1) The Registrar is authorized to reprint any Ordinance, Rule or Regulation which has been amended by a subsequent Ordinance, Rule or Regulation in such format as will best indicate to members of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada in the Diocese the text of the Ordinance, Rule or Regulation as currently in force.
(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to have been in force since the prorogation of the first Session of the First Synod of the Diocese.

Updating Certain References

10. Where a reference in an Ordinance, Rule or Regulation is by or under any Ordinance, Rule or Regulation to be read or construed as, or taken to be, or deemed to be, or otherwise treated as, a reference to –
 - a. an act, matter, person or thing; or
 - b. an act, matter, person or thing by a particular description or title;the Registrar may in reprinting an Ordinance, Rule or Regulation in which the first mentioned reference occurs make such amendments to the Ordinance, Rule or Regulation as –
 - c. will result in the omission from the Ordinance, Rule or Regulation of the first mentioned reference and, unless inappropriate, the substitution therefore of the second mentioned reference; and
 - d. are incidental to or consequential on the omission or substitution or both.
11. This Ordinance shall come into force on and from the date on which the assent of the Bishop is given hereto.

The Schedule

<i>Assistant Bishop</i>	means an Assistant Bishop appointed pursuant to Section 91 of the <i>Constitution of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada</i> .
<i>Auxiliary Bishop</i>	means a Bishop Coadjutor or a Bishop Suffragan elected pursuant to the provisions of Part VI of the <i>Diocesan Ordinance, 2013</i> .
<i>Bishop</i>	means the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada West and the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada East, respectively, of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and includes the Administrator of either See during any vacancy therein.
<i>Bishop-in-Council</i>	means the Bishop acting by and with the advice and consent of the Diocesan Council.
<i>Bishop Coadjutor</i>	means an Auxiliary Bishop with the right of succession to the See.
<i>Chancellor</i>	means the officer of that name provided for in the Schedule to the <i>Interpretation Canon, 1992</i> .
<i>Congregation</i>	means a Parish or Mission recognized by the Bishop pursuant to the <i>Congregations Ordinance, 2016</i> .
<i>Communicant</i>	means a person who is baptized and confirmed or ready and desirous to be confirmed who attends the public worship of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, who declares that he is a member thereof and who received the Holy Communion therein, and <i>communicant member</i> has a similar meaning.
<i>Curate</i>	means a man in Holy Orders who has the cure of souls in a congregation.
<i>Dean</i>	means the Dean of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.
<i>Diocesan Church Society</i>	means the Diocesan Church Society of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada existing at the coming into force of this Ordinance and any body or bodies successor thereto.
<i>Diocesan Council</i>	means the Council provided for in Part VII of the <i>Diocesan Ordinance, 2013</i> .
<i>Diocese</i>	means the Diocese of Canada West and the Diocese of Canada East, respectively, of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and <i>Diocese</i> and <i>this Diocese</i> have the same meaning.

<i>Lay reader-in-charge</i>	means a lay reader designated by the Bishop pursuant to Section 6 of the <i>Congregations Ordinance, 2016</i> .
<i>Registrar</i>	means the officer of that name provided for in Section 48 of the <i>Diocesan Ordinance, 2013</i> .
<i>See</i>	means the episcopal jurisdiction in the Diocese.
<i>Synod</i>	means the Synod of the Diocese.
<i>Treasurer</i>	means the Treasurer of the Diocese being the officer provided for in section 48 of the <i>Diocesan Ordinance, 2013</i> or the Treasurer of a congregation as the context requires.
<i>Vestry</i>	means the Curate, Warden or Wardens, the Treasurer, Vestry Clerk and other persons elected by the Annual Congregational Meeting.
<i>Warden</i>	means a Church Warden elected or appointed pursuant to Part IV of the <i>Congregations Ordinance, 2016</i> and <i>Church Warden</i> has the same meaning.