

## NATURE OF MARRIAGE (DECLARATORY) CANON, 2004

### No. 1, 2004

A Canon to affirm the understanding of marriage held in the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada and for purposes connected therewith.

WHEREAS certain judicial decisions and divers actions of the Government of Canada and of Provincial Governments and their agencies have reflected a view of the nature of marriage inconsistent with the nature thereof in natural law, the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Books of Common Prayer 1549-1962 and continuously maintained by the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

AND WHEREAS it is expedient for the Provincial Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada categorically to affirm the doctrine of the nature of marriage upheld by the said Church, the Bishops thereof and the Traditional Anglican Communion

NOW THEREFORE THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CANADA ENACTS as follows: -

1. This Canon may be cited as the "Nature of Marriage (Declaratory) Canon, 2004".
2. This Church affirms the understanding of marriage expressed in natural law, the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Books of Common Prayer 1549-1962 and continuously maintained by the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church as the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others voluntarily entered into for life.
3. No member of this Church, clerical or lay, shall celebrate, solemnize or bless a union of persons other than one which is conformable to the understanding of marriage expressed in Section 2.
4. No church, chapel, hall, school, office, rectory, vicarage, parsonage or other premises whatsoever belonging to or under the control of this Church or of any Diocese or congregation thereof shall be used for the celebration, solemnization or blessing of, or for festivities connected with, a union of persons other than one which is conformable to the understanding of marriage expressed in Section 2.