

## CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS CANON 1966 <sup>1</sup>

Canon 3, 1966 as amended by  
Canon 6, 1969

### A canon to provide for the consecration of bishops.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. A bishop shall be consecrated by at least three bishops that is to say:
  - (i) by the metropolitan of the province in which the diocese is situated, assisted by two or more other bishops of this Church; or
  - (ii) if the diocese is not within a province, by the Primate assisted by two or more other bishops of this Church; or
  - (iii) by any diocesan bishop of this Church nominated by the Primate or metropolitan to act in his stead for such consecration, assisted by two or more other bishops of this Church

provided however,<sup>2</sup> where the consecration is for or in respect of a diocese within a province, nothing in this canon shall preclude any other bishop in office in that province from assisting at such consecration

provided also that nothing in this canon shall preclude any other bishop from assisting at such consecration with the consent of the metropolitan or Primate responsible for such consecration.

provided further that nothing in this canon shall preclude the consecration of a bishop of this Church in a Church in communion with this Church in accordance with section 6 of the Constitution of this Church by the metropolitan or other bishop of such church assisted by two or more bishops of a church in communion with this Church with the concurrence of the metropolitan and a majority of the bishops of the province of this Church in which the diocese is situated for which such bishop is to be consecrated or if such diocese is not within a province then with the concurrence of the Primate of Australia.

2. In this canon "**Metropolitan**" and "**Primate**" shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution of this Church.
3. That this canon affects the order and good government of the Church and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the said canon.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Canon 6, 1969, Section 3, the principal Canon as amended may be cited as "Consecration of Bishops Canon 1966-1969".

<sup>2</sup> First proviso added by Canon 6, 1969.

4. Clause 5 of Determination II, Session 1905 of the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania as amended shall cease to have any operation in any diocese on the passing of an Ordinance by the Synod of such diocese adopting this canon.
5. This canon may be cited as the "Consecration of Bishops Canon, 1966".

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