

Church Ministry (Confessions) Ordinance 1993

No 44, 1993

An Ordinance to give effect to Canon No 10, 1992 of the General Synod.

Now the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

Citation

1. This ordinance may be cited as the "Church Ministry (Confessions) Ordinance 1993".

Definitions

2. In this ordinance, "Canon" means Canon No 10, 1992 of the General Synod, the text of which is set out in the schedule to this ordinance.

Adoption

3. The Canon is adopted.

Schedule to Church Ministry Ordinance

4. Clause 2 of the Canon is a schedule to the Church Ministry Ordinance 1993.

Schedule

A canon concerning confessions.

The General Synod prescribes as follows -

1. This canon may be cited as "Canon concerning confessions 1989".
2. If any person confess his or her secret and hidden sins to an ordained minister for the unburdening of conscience and to receive spiritual consolation and ease of mind, such minister shall not at any time reveal or make known any crime or offence or sin so confessed and committed to trust and secrecy by that person without the consent of that person.
3. The proviso to canon numbered 113 of the Canons of 1603, and any other law of this Church concerning the making of confessions to an ordained minister, in so far as the same may have any force, shall have no operation or effect in this Church.
4. The provisions of this canon effect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.

I Certify that the ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

N.M. Cameron
Chairman of Committees

We Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 12 October 1993.

W.G. Gotley
C.J. Moroney
Secretaries of Synod

I Assent to this Ordinance.

R.H. Goodhew
Archbishop of Sydney
12/10/1993