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*General Synod — Form of Declaration and Assent Canon  
1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973*

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No. 31, 1973

AN ORDINANCE for adopting a certain canon of the Church of England in Australia entitled "Form of Declaration and Assent Canon 1973".

WHEREAS a certain canon entitled "Form of Declaration and Assent Canon 1973" (No. 7, 1973) was passed by the General Synod of the Church of England in Australia during the session of the said Synod held in May, 1973, AND WHEREAS a copy of the said Canon is contained in the Schedule hereto AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Canon be adopted by the Synod of this Diocese NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney HEREBY ORDAINS DECLARES, DIRECTS AND RULES as follows:

1. The said Canon is hereby adopted and shall so far as the same is applicable be applied to the order and good government of the Church in this Diocese.
2. This Ordinance may be cited as "General Synod — Form of Declaration and Assent Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1973".

SCHEDULE

GENERAL SYNOD SESSION 1973 CANON No. 7

A CANON to Prescribe the Form of the Declaration to be made by Clergymen

WHEREAS the Commission on Doctrine at the request of General Synod has considered the form of declaration and assent to the doctrine and formularies of the Church of England in Australia to be made by clergymen AND WHEREAS the Commission has recommended the form of declaration and assent specified in the Schedule hereto as suitable for use in the Church of England in Australia NOW THEREFORE the General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. When a clergyman is required to make a declaration and assent to the doctrine and formularies of the Church of England in Australia, the form of the declaration and assent shall be that contained in the schedule hereto.
2. This Canon affects the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts it.
3. This Canon may be cited as "Form of Declaration and Assent Canon 1973".

SCHEDULE

The Church of England in Australia, being an Apostolic Church, receives and retains the Catholic Faith, which is grounded in Holy Scripture and expressed in the Creeds and within its own history, in the Thirty-nine Articles, in the Book of Common Prayer and in the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Accordingly I, A.B., do solemnly make the following declaration:

I firmly and sincerely believe the Catholic Faith and I give my assent to the doctrine of the Church of England in Australia as expressed in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of

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Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons; I believe that doctrine to be agreeable to the Word of God: and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use the form in the said book prescribed, and none other, except so far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.

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

ATHOL RICHARDSON,  
Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney this 15th day of October, 1973.

R. J. BOMFORD,  
W. G. S. GOTLEY,  
Secretaries of Synod.

I assent to this Ordinance.

MARCUS LOANE,  
Archbishop of Sydney.

15/10/1973.