Promulgation of Laws of the Australian Episcopal Conference

Canon 8 §2.
Laws enacted by the Australian Episcopal conference, after they have been reviewed by the Apostolic see, are promulgated by publication in the Australasian Catholic Record, although in particular cases another manner of promulgation can also be prescribed. They come into force only on the expiry of one full calendar month after the last day of the month of publication appearing on the particular issue of the Record, unless because of the nature of the case they bind at once, or unless a shorter of longer interval has been specifically and expressly prescribed in the law itself.

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Formation of Permanent Deacons

Canon 236
The ‘Norms for Permanent Diaconate’ as approved by the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples on 23 November 1970 (Prot N.5147/70) and as amended by cann. 236 and 1031 §2 of the Code of canon Law, shall continue to be observed for the formation of those who aspire to the permanent diaconate.

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Liturgy of the Hours for Permanent Deacons

Canon 276 §2 3°
Permanent deacons are obliged to recite daily Morning and Evening prayer from the liturgy of the hours.

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Ecclesiastical Dress

Canon 284
Without prejudice to the provisions of Can. 288 clerics are to dress in such a way that they are identifiable as clerics; they are to observe a standard of dress appropriate to each occasion. Owing to different circumstances and climate in various areas of Australia, further determination of the matter of clerical dress is to be made by the diocesan bishop.

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Parish Priests’ Term of Appointment.

Canon 522
Parish Priests may be appointed for a term of six years. Such appointments may be extended for further periods of six years. (It was understood that existing appointments of Parish Priests were not subject to this qualification of limited tenure.)

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Baptismal Registers in Cases of Adoption

Canon 877 §3
Baptism may not be lawfully administered before adoption has taken place unless:
1) there has been a specific request by the natural parent(s) that the child be baptised and
there is a founded hope that the child will be brought up in the catholic faith, OR
2) in danger of death.
If the adopting parents are aware that the child was baptised before adoption, they ar to ask
that the following not be made in the original register –
“This child was legally adopted as ……. (name)
on ………. (date) at …………. (place)
by …………… (names of adopting parents)”.
Certificates of baptism are to carry only the adopted name and the names of the parents
who have adopted.

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Material to be Used for a Fixed Altar

Canon 1236 §1
Fixed altars are to be constructed with natural stone, or any solid, worthy material
approved by the diocesan bishop.

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Days of Penance

(Canons 1251, 1253)
Abstinence for meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by
performing any one of the following:
(a) prayer – as for example, mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or
chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the cross; praying the rosary; or in
other ways;
(b) self-denial – v.g. not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up
entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to
the poor of one’s own country and elsewhere; or in other ways;
(c) helping others – v.g. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely
or overburdened, or in other ways.

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Holy Days of Obligation

Canon 1247
The holysdays of obligation in Australia are:
   All Sundays of the year
   Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
   Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
   These two holysdays of obligation are to be observed annually, regardless
   of the day of the week on which they fall.

Decree of Promulgation
15 May 2001
ACR 78,3, July 2001
Acts of Extraordinary Administration

Canon 1277

The following are acts of extraordinary administration for diocesan bishops:

(a) An act of administration by which a diocese would be committed to an annual repayment, principal and interest, in excess of 50 cents per capita of Catholic population or $100,000, whichever being the greater;

(b) An act of administration by which a diocese would forgo an annual sum equal to 20 cents per capita of Catholic population of $40,000 whichever being the greater. (Both figures are to be indexed to inflation rate: the base rate being 1984).

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Alienation

Canon 1292

The maximum sum for alienation as mentioned in canon 1292 §1 is $2,000,000 Australia, such sum being indexed in accordance with the annual rate of inflation as determined by civil courts which govern industrial awards.

The minimum sum for alienation as mentioned in canon 1292 §1 is $10,000 Australian, also indexed in the same manner.

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Leasing of Ecclesiastical Goods

All leases of ecclesiastical goods are to be drawn up in accordance with the norms of civil law.

Except when the lease is to a body engaged in the apostolate, the monetary consideration it to approximate to the ruling market value.

Leases for periods in excess of 9 years require the consent of the competent authority mentioned in canon 1291 §1.

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CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR FOR AUSTRALIA

23 January Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops memorial
(transfered from 26 January)

Decree Prot. N. 154/93/L
26 February 1993
ACR LXX, 2, April 1993

7 July Blessed Peter To Rot optional memorial
5 August Saint Dominic, priest: memorial
Saturday after 5 August
Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major optional memorial
8 August Blessed Mary MacKillop, virgin feast

Decree Prot. N. 1334-1483/95/L
9 August 1995
ACR LXXII, 4, October 1995