

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

OATHS AND DECLARATIONS ORDINANCE 1992

No. 5 of 1992

WHEREAS it is expedient that all clergy and certain office-bearers should, on their admission to office in the Church within the Diocese, make certain oaths and declarations,

THE SYNOD of the Diocese of Armidale orders and rules as follows:-

1. The “Submission to Synod Ordinance 1935” is hereby repealed, but such repeal shall not affect the past operation thereof, nor anything done or commenced, nor any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder; nor shall it revive any Ordinance heretofore repealed.
2.
 - (A) On the occasions referred to in sub-clause (B), every member of the clergy shall make the Oath of Canonical Obedience in Schedule 1 and the Declarations of Assent in Schedule 2.
 - (B) The occasions on which the said oath and declarations shall be made are: Ordination to the Diaconate; Ordination to the Priesthood; Consecration or Installation as an Assistant Bishop; and whenever a new licence is issued for any clerical position.
3. Office bearers other than clergy shall make one or both of the Declarations of Assent in Schedule 2 as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Portion of Schedule 2</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
Stipendiary Pastoral workers	All	Whenever a new licence is issued
Lay preachers	Part 1	Whenever a new licence is issued
Parish councillors and church wardens	Part 2	Forthwith upon election or appointment
Synod representatives	Part 2	On election to each session of Synod

4. This Ordinance may be cited and known as the “Oaths and Declarations Ordinance 1992”.

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Schedule 1

Oath of Canonical Obedience

I, do swear that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of Armidale and his successors in all legal and honest commands. So help me God.

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ in the year
of our Lord _____ by the above named deponent.

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Schedule 2

Declaration of Assent

The Anglican Church of Australia, being an Apostolic Church, receives and retains the Christian Faith, which is grounded in the 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, _____ do solemnly make the following declarations:-

1. I firmly and sincerely believe the Christian Faith and I give my assent to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia as expressed in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of 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 as far as shall be ordered by lawful authority.
2. I do solemnly and sincerely declare my assent to be bound by the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and the Constitutions of the Province of New South Wales and of this Diocese and by the canons, statutes, ordinances and rules (however described) from time to time of the Synod of this Diocese, and of the General Synod and the Provincial Synod which have force in this Diocese.

Made before me this _____ day of _____ in the year
of our Lord _____ by the above named.
