

**GENERAL SYNOD — PROVISIONAL CANON
CONCERNING CONFESSIONS 1989**

No. 31, 1990

AN ORDINANCE to assent to General Synod Provisional Canon No. P3, 1989.

WHEREAS:

- A. The Provisional Canon concerning confessions 1989 (hereinafter called the "Provisional Canon") was made by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 1989.
- B. The text of the Provisional Canon is in the Schedule hereto.
- C. It is expedient that the Provisional Canon be assented to by the Synod of this Diocese.

NOW the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney ordains as follows —

Assent to Provisional Canon

1. The Synod hereby assents to the Provisional Canon.

Citation

2. This Ordinance may be cited as the "General Synod — Provisional Canon Concerning Confessions 1990".

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.

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I CERTIFY that the Ordinance as printed 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 this 9th day of October 1990.

G. K. CLIFTON
W. G. S. GOTLEY
Secretaries of Synod

I ASSENT to this Ordinance.

DONALD ROBINSON
Archbishop of Sydney

11/10/1990