

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

THE DIOCESE

A. Diocesan Officials

Canon A-1: THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

vacancy of the See:

1. Upon the announcement of the resignation, retirement or death of the Bishop, or the vacancy of the See, the Secretaries of the Synod shall, within one week from the occurrence of such event:
 - (a) notify the Metropolitan of the same, and
 - (b) ask the Metropolitan to convene a meeting of Synod for the election of:
 - (i) in the event of the announcement of resignation or retirement of the Bishop, a Coadjutor Bishop who will assume the office of Diocesan Bishop on the resignation or retirement of the Diocesan Bishop;
 - (ii) in the other events, a Bishop.

electoral synod:

2. (a) The electoral synod shall be held at the earliest convenience of the Metropolitan but no later than six months after the date at which the Metropolitan was notified under s. 1 of this Canon.
- (b) The Metropolitan, or the Metropolitan's duly appointed representative, shall preside over the electoral synod.

nominees from Provincial House of Bishops:

3. The Provincial House of Bishops may nominate up to three candidates in addition to those nominated by members of Synod. There shall be no indication of the origin of these nominations.

Episcopal Election Process Committee

4. (a) The Executive Committee shall appoint an Episcopal Election Process Committee.
- (b) The Episcopal Election Process Committee shall consist of three members of the clergy and three members of the laity. The chair of the committee shall be chosen by the committee from amongst its members.
- (c) The Episcopal Election Process Committee shall formulate the process for

the election, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall oversee implementation of the same. A suggested process is Annex 1 to this canon.

- (d) The process shall not prohibit nominations being made from the floor after Synod has convened.

voting & quorum:

- 5. (a) One-half of those from each Order entitled to a seat and vote in the Synod constitute a quorum at the electoral synod.
- (b) At the electoral synod the clergy and the laity shall vote separately by Order using a written ballot.
- (c) The name of the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the combined Orders shall be eliminated in each round of voting except when:
 - (i) there are fewer than four candidates remaining; or
 - (ii) the candidate with the lowest total number of votes in the combined Orders receives ten or more votes in each house.
- (d) Two-thirds of the votes cast in each Order shall determine the result.

declaration of election:

- 6. The chair of the electoral Synod shall declare to the Synod the name of the person elected as Bishop, and without delay shall transmit to the Metropolitan a duly attested certificate declaring the result of the election.

resignation of appointment by Bishop-elect:

- 7. Any person elected as Bishop and holding at the time of such election any appointment, shall resign such appointment before installation as Bishop.

Annex 1: Suggested Process – Episcopal Election

- 1. Secretaries of Synod notify the Metropolitan of the announcement of retirement, resignation, or death of the Bishop, or the vacancy of the See within one week of the occurrence of such event and a date for the election is set in consultation with the Metropolitan.
- 2. The Executive Committee appoints an Episcopal Election Process Committee.
- 3. The Episcopal Election Process Committee:

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- (i) prepares a profile of the Diocese, in consultation with Deanery Councils, within two months of the notification of the Metropolitan, setting out the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the Diocese;
- (ii) establishes a budget to cover the process, and submits the same to the Executive Committee;
- (iii) circulates the diocesan profile and an invitation to nominate to each member of synod;
- (iv) receives nominations from synod members until three weeks before synod;
- (v) solicits a consent to stand for nomination and a biography from each nominee;
- (vi) circulates a list of nominees and their biographies to the members of synod;
- (vii) develops a process for handling nominations from the floor of synod and compiling and circulating written biographies of such nominees from the floor;
- (viii) develops of a process whereby those nominated in advance may meet with synod members prior to voting.

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