

Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy



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STATUTES OF THE IRISH CONFRATERNITY OF CATHOLIC CLERGY KNOCK SHRINE 17TH OCTOBER 2013

STATUTE I – STATUS

1. The Irish Confraternity of Catholic Clergy, hereafter ICCC, is a private, voluntary, and fraternal association of Catholic clerics of the Dioceses of Ireland, in accordance with Canon 278 §1.
2. The ICCC acknowledges that its autonomy is subject to the Holy See, as laid down in Canon 305.

STATUTE II – NAME AND ADDRESS

1. The name of the association is the: IRISH CONFRATERNITY OF CATHOLIC CLERGY.
2. The canonical address of the ICCC, its headquarters or “centre” as required by Canon 304 §1, shall be the address of its Chairman.

STATUTE III – PATRONS

The Patroness of the ICCC is Our Lady of Knock. The other heavenly patrons are:- St Patrick; St Oliver Plunkett; St John Baptist Mary Vianney

STATUTE IV – AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims of the ICCC are:-

1. To give glory and honour to the Most Blessed Trinity.
2. To further the holiness of its members, in particular by assisting them to be faithful to the clerical life and ministry as set forth in Canons 273 – 289.
3. To foster unity among the clergy and with the Bishops, in loyalty to the Pope and his Supreme Magisterium. Cf. Canons 273 and 333 §1.
4. To assist in the ongoing formation of its members, in particular by organising a major annual convention, as well as other lectures and conferences throughout the year.

STATUTE V – MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the ICCC shall consist of ordinary and associate membership according to the following:-

1. Ordinary membership is for clerics incardinated into the Dioceses of Ireland. From these alone the four Officers may be elected. The Officers shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. Associate membership is for clerics who are members of personal prelatures, religious institutes or secular institutes, with due regard for Canon 307 §3.
3. Ordinary membership and associate membership in the ICCC shall require:-
 - (a) A signed application accepting these Statutes;
 - (b) The acceptance of this application by the Executive; and
 - (c) The payment of the annual membership fees.
4. The annual fees, for both ordinary and associate membership, shall be determined by the Executive.

STATUTE VI – THE EXECUTIVE

1. The governing body of the ICCC shall be its Executive, consisting of its Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and three others.
2. The only authorised spokesman for the ICCC shall be its Chairman or any of its other Officers in consultation with the Chairman.
3. (a) The Executive shall be elected at the inaugural meeting for a period of one year, and thereafter at the AGM every second year for a period of two years. Nominations must be seconded. Subsequent to the inaugural meeting, those nominated and those nominating and seconding them must be financial members, that is, have paid their membership fees for the current year. The election shall be at the AGM by a simple majority in a show of hands of those financial members present.
3. (b) Should a vacancy arise on the Executive due to the death, resignation from office or incapacity of any Executive member, the remaining Executive members shall by means of a simple majority vote co-opt a replacement who shall serve until the next election. In the case of a tie the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
3. (c) The Executive members may vote to co-opt additional members to the Executive should they consider it beneficial to the governance of the ICCC.
4. The AGM shall normally be arranged to coincide with the main annual convention of the ICCC.

STATUTE VII – FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

1. The funds of the ICCC shall be administered by the Treasurer as administrator according to Canon Law. Cf. Canons 1280 and 1286.
2. The income and property of the ICCC whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the ICCC.
3. The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each AGM.

STATUTE VIII – DISSOLVING THE ICCC

1. The ICCC shall not be dissolved except by a General Meeting of the ICCC specially convened for the purpose and by a resolution carried by a majority of four-fifths of the votes recorded in respect of the same.
2. The ICCC lapses if there are not sufficient members to constitute the Executive, that is, seven, or by provision of Canon 326 §1.
3. If the ICCC disbands, its goods are to be disbursed to the Pontifical Mission Societies according to the prescriptions of Church Law and Civil Law. Cf. Canon 326 §2.

STATUTE IX – CHANGES TO THE STATUTES

These Statutes can be amended only at an AGM by a two thirds majority vote of the financial members, provided that notice of motion has been given at least thirty (30) days before the AGM.