

AMENDING CANON No. 30

**Of the consecration of bishops, Of the consecration of women as bishops, Of ministers exercising their ministry, Of admission and institution, Of the Declaration of Assent.**

1. Paragraph 5 of Canon C 2 (Of the consecration of bishops) shall be omitted.
2. After Canon C 2 there shall be inserted the following Canon –

**“Canon C 2A Of the consecration of women as bishops**

  1. A woman may be consecrated to the office of bishop if she otherwise satisfies the requirements of Canon C 2 as to the persons who may be consecrated as bishops.
  2. In the forms of service contained in *The Book of Common Prayer* or in the Ordinal words importing the masculine gender in relation to bishops shall be construed as including the feminine.”.
3. In Canon C 8.2(a) (Of ministers exercising their ministry) all the words after the word “officiates” shall be omitted.
4. In Canon C 10 (Of admission and institution) paragraph 2A shall be omitted.
5. Canon C 15 (Of the Declaration of Assent) shall be amended as follows.
6. In paragraph 2 the words “or provost”, in each place where they occur, shall be omitted.
7. In paragraph 3 –
  - (a) for the words from “who” to “investiture” there shall be substituted the words “shall on the occasion of the commencement of his public ministry in the diocese”; and
  - (b) for the word “archbishop” in the second sentence there shall be substituted the words “bishop of the diocese”.
8. Paragraphs 3 and 4 shall not have effect in a parish so long as any Resolution under section 3(1) of the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 remains in force in respect of that parish by virtue of Schedule 1 to the Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure 20....
9. This Canon shall come into force as follows –
  - (a) paragraphs 6 and 7 and this paragraph shall come into force forthwith;
  - (b) all other paragraphs shall come into force on the day on which section 1 of that Measure comes into force.