

CLOYNE SICK PRIESTS' BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION

The Committee shall be known as the Cloyne Sick Priests' Benevolent Fund Committee.

The Committee shall consist of seven members, five of whom are directly elected by the incardinated priests of the Diocese, the outgoing Treasurer being an ex-officio member and the seventh co-opted by the other six.

Membership of the Committee shall be for a period not exceeding five years. Apart from the outgoing treasurer, a member may not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

A Treasurer may not serve a third consecutive term in that office.

The Committee shall advise and assist the Bishop in matters relating to the support of sick and retired priests of the Diocese.

The Committee shall operate under Rules approved by the Bishop after consultation with the Council of Priests.

Any or all members of the Committee may, for a grave reason, be removed by the Bishop, to be replaced according to the Rules.

This Constitution shall be reviewed not later than five years after coming into effect.

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RULES

1. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

1.1 Towards the end of its term of office, the Committee shall arrange for the election of members of a new Committee and shall appoint two tellers to count the votes.

1.2 All priests incardinated in the Diocese shall be eligible to vote and shall be eligible for election.

1.3 With the exception of the outgoing treasurer, all those who have served two consecutive terms on the committee immediately prior to the election shall not be eligible for election.

1.4 For the purposes of the election, the priests of the diocese shall be divided into five groups, based on date of ordination, with one member to be elected from every group.

1.5 The priest receiving most votes in each group shall be deemed elected. In the event of tie, the issue shall be decided by lot.

1.6 The five elected members shall meet with the out-going treasurer in order to decide on the co-option of the seventh member of the committee.

1.7 The voting returns shall be retained for the purpose of filling a vacancy among the elected members for the remainder of the term of office of the Committee.

1.8 The Committee shall continue to discharge its functions until such time as a new committee has been established, even though its term of office may have expired.

2 OFFICERS

2.1 The Committee shall elect one of its members to act as Chairman at its meetings. In the absence of the Chairman from a particular meeting, the Committee shall elect a member to preside at that meeting.

2.2 The Committee shall elect a Secretary from among its members.

2.3 The committee shall elect a Treasurer from among its members.

3. MEETINGS

3.1 The ordinary meetings of the Committee shall be held as often as the Chairman deems necessary but not less than twice a year.

3.2 The Secretary shall give adequate notice of meetings to all members.

3.3 The quorum of the Committee shall be four members.

4. CONFIDENTIALITY

4.1 Members of the Committee shall be required to keep confidential all matters discussed at meetings or learned in connection with the work of the Committee unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.

5. POLICY

5.1 The Committee shall exercise its functions for the care of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese under the provisions of the Policy Document for the Retirement of Priests in the Diocese of Cloyne. This policy shall be determined from time to time by the Bishop after consultation with the committee and with the Council of Priests and the College of Consultors.

6. *SEDE VACANTE*

6.1 The Committee shall continue to discharge its administrative functions during the vacancy of the See, even though its term of office may have expired until such time as the new Bishop has taken possession of the Diocese.

7. CHANGES IN THE RULES

7.1 These rules may be changed from time to time by the Bishop after consultation with the Committee and with the Council of Priests.