

STATUTES

CHAPLAIN FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PRECINCT AT MEDOWIE

1. Background

1.1. Simply put:

1.1.1. A rector has responsibility for the *thing* - in this case the Oratory

1.1.2. the chaplain has responsibility for people – in this case parishioners and users of the site

2. CHAPLAIN to the site

2.1. Chaplain is appointed and installed by the local ordinary (CIC 83 c. 565)

2.2. Removal as per c. 563

2.3. The chaplain's ministry is a ministry of service embracing all ministries on the site. In the first instance this service is focused on being a part of the everyday life and activities of each community.

2.4. The chaplain is co-responsible with all who share responsibility for the pastoral care of the Christian faithful (and their families) who work or study on the site. (c. 564)

2.5. The chaplain has no parochial duties to the parishes that provide students to the College

2.6. In the exercise of his pastoral function, a chaplain is to preserve a fitting relationship with the pastor (c. 571)

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAPLAIN AND MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

3.1. To be present, accompanying each community in all aspects of its life and ministry including:

3.1.1. forming collaborative relationships characterised by respect and mutuality

3.1.2. being a supportive presence in times of joy, success, sorrow and challenge

3.1.3. praying with and for the community and its members

3.1.4. presiding at the celebration Sacraments or other liturgies as appropriate

3.1.5. developing in consultation with each community a liturgical schedule that is appropriate to each particular ministry

3.1.6. growing and fostering relationships of support and appreciation between the various ministries who share the site

The essence of this ministry is captured in the popular phrase, 'loitering with intent'

4. PREPARATION FOR AND CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

4.1. Preparation for and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation will be in accord with the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA). Adults are initiated according to Part I of the Rite. Part II Chapter I deals with children of a catechetical age. This would shape the approach to students seeking initiation.

4.2. Ideally the journey of Christian Initiation will take place in the parish in which the person is domiciled. This can be supported by the chaplain and school community.

4.3. If it is discerned that the process of Initiation would be more effective if hosted by the St. Christopher's/Catherine McAuley community, written permission from the parish leader in which the individual preparing has domicile is needed. This permission should detail both arrangements for the preparation and place of celebration of the sacraments. Ideally both communities would support the process of Christian Initiation.

5. PASTORAL STRUCTURES

- 5.1. After consultation with the educational community it may be prudent to establish some pastoral structures
- 5.2. the chaplain may establish any pastoral and spiritual support groups that will benefit the faith life of the Christian faithful involved
- 5.3. The establishment of any such groups is the responsibility of the chaplain
- 5.4. any persons engaged as volunteers to assist the chaplain are to be classified and processed in accordance with the 'Classification Structure and Engagement Standards for Unpaid Helpers with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and the Unpaid Parish Based Roles Governance Matrix
- 5.5. all ministry must be conducted in accordance with Diocesan policies and procedures, particularly the Dioceses' Safeguarding Framework Policy

6. FACULTIES

- 6.1. The chaplain has the same diocesan faculties as a parish priest

7. DISPUTES

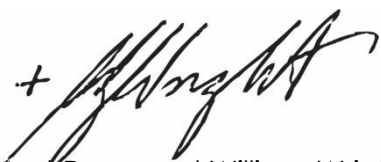
- 7.1. The diocesan procedures are to be utilised in dispute resolution
- 7.2. If a dispute is unable to resolved by dialogue it maybe escalated
 - 7.2.1. To the Chancellor
 - 7.2.2. Then to the Vicar General
 - 7.2.3. And only then to the Bishop – who is the final arbitrator

8. CHANGES TO STATUTES

- 8.1. By approval of the bishop,
- 8.2. After a recommendation from any concerned party or by his own decision
- 8.3. After hearing Presbyteral Council, members of the community, and chaplain

9. CLOSURE OF THE CHAPLAINCY

- 9.1. By decision of the bishop



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