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Decree - Statutes

The public celebration of the liturgy of the Church is a primary means by which the community of faith gives public worship to God in response to the Paschal Mystery. This is especially true when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, the 'summit and source' of the Christian life (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10), the celebration of which should be marked by a noble simplicity.

This desire for noble simplicity is particularly significant when the Bishop presides over liturgical celebrations as the Bishop of the Diocese, especially in his Cathedral Church, and these should serve as models and examples both to parishes and diocesan instrumentalities and to the public at large. To that end, these liturgical celebrations should be prepared and celebrated with great care and due regard for the liturgical tradition of the Church.


The celebration of the liturgy of the Church, particularly when the Bishop or his delegate presides, is enhanced by the appointment of a Master of Ceremonies to coordinate and direct such liturgical celebrations. To assist the Master of Ceremonies, Bishop Bill Wright requested the establishment and formation of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies to further witness to the significant place of liturgy in the life of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle.

In continuing the legacy of Bishop Bill Wright, it now seems appropriate to establish a college for the mutual support of those appointed to the office of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies, to provide for their continuing formation, and to highlight the significance of this office in the liturgical life of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle.

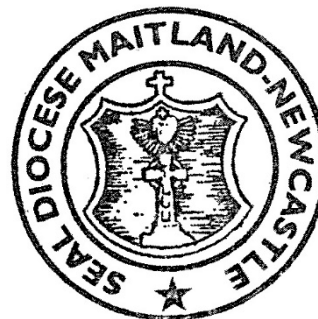
Given the need for the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies to be formally established, and having reviewed the Statutes prepared by the College, I decree the establishment of the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and approve the Statutes of the College.

This decree will have effect from the date of promulgation and is in effect until abrogated.

Given at Hamilton, NSW, on the **14th day of September 2022.**



Reverend Gregory Barker
Diocesan Administrator



Reverend Matthew Muller
Notary

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