

CANON CONCERNING CONFESSIONS 1989  
ASSENTING ORDINANCE 1990  
NO 13 OF 1990

AN ORDINANCE

To Assent to the 'Canon Concerning Confessions 1989' being a General Synod Canon concerning confessions.

PREAMBLE

Whereas it is desirable that the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be assented to by the Diocese of Grafton.

Therefore The Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:-

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 Assenting Ordinance 1990.

ASSENT

2. The Canon Concerning Confessions 1989 as set out in the schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

THE SCHEDULE

Canon No. P3, 1989

**A Canon concerning confessions**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as "Canon concerning confessions 1989".
2. If any person confess his or her secret and hidden sins to an ordained minister for the unburdening of conscience and to receive spiritual consolation and ease of mind, such minister shall not at any time reveal or make known any crime or offence or sin so confessed and committed to trust and secrecy by that person without the consent of that person.
3. The proviso to canon numbered 113 of the Canons of 1603, and any other law of this Church concerning the making of confessions to an ordained minister, in so far as the same may have any force, shall have no operation or effect in this Church.
4. The provisions of this canon effect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.

I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.

*John Barrett*  
Chairman of Committees

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 8th day of September, 1990.

*B. J. ...*  
Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.

*+ Bruce Grafton*  
Bishop