

BILL NO. 1, 1981 ASSENTING ORDINANCE 1983

An Ordinance to assent to Bill No. 1, 1981 of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia.

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

- 1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Bill No. 1, 1981 Assenting Ordinance, 1983.
- 2) The Bill No. 1, 1981 set out in the schedule hereto is hereby assented to.

SCHEDULE

No. 1 1981

A Bill

To Alter the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia with respect to the ordination of women.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. The Constitution of this Church is altered as follows:
 - (1) In Section 4 for the expression "4. This" there is substituted the expression "4. (1) This".
 - (2) At the end of Section 4 there is added the following sub-section:

"(2) Nothing in this section prevents this Church from authorising by canon the ordaining of women into the three orders of bishops, priests and deacons in the sacred ministry."
 - (3) There is inserted in Section 74 after sub-section (6) the following sub-section:

"(6A) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (6), in Chapters II to XII both inclusive and in the Table annexed to this Constitution words importing the masculine shall include the feminine."
2. This bill shall come into effect upon a date to be declared by the Primate on the advice of the Standing Committee of General Synod provided that at least three quarters of the diocesan synods of this Church including the synods of all metropolitan Sees has assented to it by ordinance, all such assents being in force at the same time.

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


Chairman of Committees.

I certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the ~~SEVENTEEN~~ day of September, 1983.


Registrar.

I assent to this Ordinance.


Bishop.