

DIOCESAN FUNDS (PERCENTAGE)

ORDINANCE 1957

AN ORDINANCE

To alter the present basis of contributions of Parishes to Diocesan funds by abolishing the fixation of quotas and substituting a system for contributions assessed upon a percentage of gross income less certain authorised deductions to amend the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance 1931, the Bishop-in-Council Ordinance 1934, the Status of Parishes Regulation Ordinance 1933, the Parochial Ordinance 1936, the Cathedral Ordinance 1937-1949 and for other matters incidental thereto.

The Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled declare, ordain and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited and known as "Diocesan Funds (Percentage) Ordinance 1957."

AMENDMENT

2. The Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance 1931 is amended as follows:

(a) The definition of "quota" in Section 3 is omitted and the following substituted:

"Quota" means the percentage of assessable income payable by a Parish in respect of the Diocesan budget.

(b) Subsection (b) of Section 43 is omitted and the following subsection substituted:

43.(b) From the returns of assessable income furnished by the Parochial Councils as accepted or determined in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding section to compute the percentage to be paid by the Parishes as their quota for the

ensuing year and to submit a recommendation thereon to Synod.

(c) Section 44 is omitted and the following sections substituted:

#### FINANCIAL RETURNS

44. It shall be the duty of the Churchwardens of the Parish Church of every Parish in the Diocese in office at the close of each financial year to forward to the Registrar on a date not later than the fourth day of August next succeeding, a duly audited return disclosing the whole of the gross income of the Parish from all sources during the preceding year and the balance remaining after deducting amounts collected for missions, contributions made direct by parishioners to Diocesan funds and such other deductions as the Bishop-in-Council may from time to time authorise. Such return shall be signed by the Rector, Treasurer and Churchwardens and shall bear a Certificate by the Auditor that all funds have been fully disclosed. The said balance as finally determined in accordance with Sections 44B and 44C of this Ordinance shall be the assessable income of the Parish.

44.A Upon receipt of each return, the Registrar may within fourteen days thereafter by notice in writing to the Parochial Council concerned disallow any amount or amounts claimed as deduction from the gross income and shall state his reasons therefor. Should such Parochial Council be dissatisfied with his ruling and notify him in writing to that effect within seven days of receipt, such return, ruling and notification shall be promptly submitted to the Finance Committee of the Bishop-in-Council whose

decision thereon shall be final. Should no notification be received within the time stated, the Registrar's ruling shall subject to the next succeeding section be final.

- 44.B All returns shall be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Bishop-in-Council which shall have power to disallow any amounts claimed for deduction, to amend the returns in any manner it may see fit and finally to accept the same either in their original or amended form.
- 44.C In case any Parochial Council shall fail to furnish the return as hereinbefore provided, the Bishop-in-Council shall from available information determine the assessable income of such Parish and such determination shall have the same force and effect as if a return in that amount had been duly furnished by the Parochial Council and accepted.
- 44.D The Bishop-in-Council may from time to time determine what deductions shall be authorised from the gross income of the Parishes.

(d) Section 45 is omitted and the following section substituted:

45. So soon as Synod has adopted the budget for the financial year and determined the percentage of the assessable incomes of the Parishes necessary to meet the same, the Bishop-in-Council shall forthwith compute the respective quotas and notify all Parochial Councils thereof. It is hereby authorised to delegate this duty to the Registrar.

(e) Section 46 is omitted and the following section substituted:

46. It shall be the duty of the Rector, Churchwardens and Parochial Council of every Parish to arrange

for the collection of the annual quota and to forward to the Registrar at the close of each quarter the proportionate amount thereof; Provided that if the Churchwardens or Parochial Council in any Parish make default it shall be lawful for the Bishop-in-Council to appoint an organiser to visit such Parish and to arrange for the collection of the quota.

46.A The moneys so received shall, subject to the next succeeding Section, be allocated by the Bishop-in-Council to the Church Management Fund, the Diocesan Property Fund and other Diocesan funds pursuant to the budget adopted by Synod.

(f) Section 47 is omitted and the following section substituted:

47. The Bishop-in-Council shall out of the moneys to be received from the quotas allocate a certain percentage each financial year which is hereby declared to be an essential charge on the revenue of each and every Parish within the Diocese and shall be deemed to be included in the provisions of the Parochial Ordinance, 1936, and the Status of Parishes Regulation Ordinance, 1933, relating to the requirements of Parishes and of Parochial Districts or of any other Ordinance of Synod relating to the requirements of Parishes and Parochial Districts.

3. Section 18 (e) of the Bishop-in-Council Ordinance 1934 is amended by substituting the words "to compute the respective quotas and notify the Parishes thereof" for the words "to allot among such Parishes and districts the respective quotas of such contributions."

4. The Status of Parishes Regulation Ordinance 1933 is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b) of Section 3 is amended by substituting the words "to the extent of the essential charge

"Section 47 of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance "1931" for the words "for the maintenance of the Church "Management fund."

(b) Section 4 is hereby repealed.

(c) Section 5 is amended by substituting the words "its quota to the extent of the essential charge" for the words "the Essential Quota."

(d) Section 7 is amended by substituting the words "to the extent of" for the word "in" where occurring in the third line.

5. The Parochial Ordinance 1936 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(n) "Quota" means the percentage of assessable income payable by a Parish in respect of the Diocesan budget.

(b) Subsection (8) of Section 85 is amended by substituting the words "return prepared in accordance with "Section 44 of the Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance "1931" for the words "statement of accounts set out."

(c) Section 86 (f) (4) is omitted and the following subsection substituted:

(4) Payment in equal quarterly instalments of quota.

(d) Section 91 is amended by substituting the words "quota in respect of" for the words "Diocesan Assessments "under."

(e) Section 92 is amended by adding the following words at the foot or end thereof:

Each organisation shall within seven days after the 30th day of June in every year and at such other time or times whenever so required by the Parochial Council furnish to it a statement of account disclosing fully all moneys received and expended together with the balance in hand and

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shall produce to it all books and other records in verification.

Should any default occur, permission to collect funds by such organisation may be immediately revoked.

6. Section 39 (1) (d) of the Cathedral Ordinance 1937-1949 is amended by substituting the words "quota pursuant to Diocesan Funds (Consolidated) Ordinance 1931" for the words "Diocesan dues."

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

.....Chairman of Committees.

We certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton on the ..... day of September, 1957.

.....Clerical Secretary.

.....Lay Secretary.

I assent to this Ordinance.

.....Bishop.