

DECREE OF THE VICAR GENERAL OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Provision – General Executory Decree

Diocesan Delegations to Officers of the Diocesan Curia

Establishment of the Diocesan Delegations Matrix

04/2021

During 2020 extensive discussions were held as part of the reformation of the diocesan curia on the appropriate matters that needed delegation and to whom such delegations were to be given. This discussion arose out of a desire of the bishop to “take care that all the affairs which belong to the administration of the whole diocese are duly coordinated and are ordered to attain more suitably the good of the portion of the people of God entrusted to him” (CIC c. 473). The discussions involved consultations with the senior members of the Curia, that is the CEO (DFO), and the Directors, and the Heads of relevant Departments. The College of Consultors, Diocesan Finance Council, and the Presbyteral Council were also heard and made valuable contributions to the benefit of the Diocesan Delegations Matrix (CIC c. 1277). The Diocesan Finance Officer (CIC c. 494), who is also the CEO, took an active part in these discussions and consultations.

Given that the Diocesan Delegations Matrix specifically focuses on the Diocesan Curia, the implementation and ongoing governance requirements of this document fall under the responsibility of the DFO/CEO as per CIC canon 1278. It is now the DFO/CEO’s responsibility, along with the respective directors, to develop directorate-based Delegation Matrices within the parameters of the Diocesan Delegation Matrix.

This decree abrogates all previous delegations those Curial Officers mentioned in the Diocesan Delegation Matrix. Any customs relating to delegations that have developed and that are contrary to the Diocesan Delegation Matrix are also abrogated by this decree.

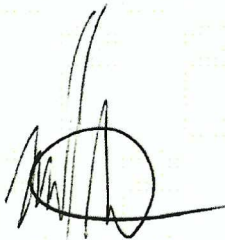
Given that I have been instructed verbally by the bishop on 11 February 2021 to issue this decree,

This decree will take effect from 15 February 2021 and is in effect until abrogated.

Given at Hamilton, NSW, on the 11th day of February 2021.



Rev Andrew Doohan
Vicar General



Rev Matthew Muller
Chancellor

