

SECTION VII (7)

PARTICULAR LAW - 703

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MASS "PRO POPULO"

1- Every Sunday and holyday of obligation, according Canon 534, the Mass «Pro Populo» shall be celebrated in all parishes of the diocese by the parish priest and other priests who are obliged to by the letter of appointment.

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This Mass is celebrated without fees.

However if the celebrant add a second or a third intention, these intentions will be considered as «Masses with several intentions».

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2- However in small parishes where Mass is celebrated only on Sunday, the Mass «Pro Populo» will be celebrated once a month in the parish and the priest will fulfill this obligation during the week for the other Sundays.

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3- We will recall the Canon 534§2 «A parish priest who has the care of several parishes is bound to apply only one Mass «Pro Populo» for all the people entrusted to him»

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All other Masses celebrated Sunday Mass will be considered «binage» or «trinage» applying to the first intention.

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The Mass stipends will be allocated as follows

First intention: \$ 15.00 with \$ 5.00 to the celebrant and \$ 5.00 to the diocese, \$ 5.00 to the parish. *(Decree of Bishop Robert Bourgon, March 1st, 2019)*¹

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Masses: «binage» (second mass in the same day) or «trinage» (third mass in the same day) there is no change to the diocesan legislation: they are sent to the diocese.

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MASSES WITH SEVERAL INTENTIONS

1- Other Sunday Masses can put 3 intentions, provided that donors have consented freely.

1- Decree of Bishop Robert Bourgon, March 1st, 2019

703.9 2- Every weekday, Mass intentions can only count 2, taking into consideration what is said above donors.

3- The cumulative intentions will be paid to the Caisse de Compensation. Thus respecting the Canon #946 which states the offerings of Masses are intended «the support of his ministers and his activities».

4- This decree affects only those parishes that have an abundance of intentions in advance. Before combine, it must also be attentive to the demands of retired priests.

703.10 **Mass of «small groups»**

Sunday masses of «small groups» will not be celebrated in the diocese in order not to divide the community gathering. However we can accept these masses when they are part of a session of a spiritual nature or other circumstances with the permission to the Ordinary.

703.11 **Sunday Mass**

We will celebrate the Sunday Mass from four o'clock on Saturday.

703-12 **Funeral in the presence of ash**

We will celebrate a complete funeral in the presence of an urn. Should bring some very small changes in rites and texts already set.

703.13 **Place of funerals**

The celebration of Christian funerals will be done in the presence of the body, or the ashes, in the parish church.

The celebration of the Word with the sprinkling of the body, and the eulogy by the family members may be done at the funeral home.

For special exception to this policy

- a- the request must be made to the parish priest
- b- the parish priest must receive explicit permission from the Bishop
- c- it is the parish priest who will communicate the bishop's decision to the family.

703.14 **Mass wedding and funerals Sunday Mass**

We should not celebrate weddings or funerals at Sunday Mass on Saturday.

However in small parishes, if it is anticipated that the majority of parishioners will be present, it can be done for marriages, but be careful to adapt the liturgy of the event live.

703.15 **General absolution, Reconciliation**

The general absolution is not allowed in the Diocese. We will always refer to the Bishop. The canonical jurisdiction is the most important, «sine qua non» for validity of the sacrament.

Marriage.

703.16 **Publication of marriage banns**

Since December 3, 1991 the canonical publication of marriage banns is no longer obligatory in the Diocese of Hearst. So more than relief to ask.

In accordance with the requirements of civil law in the province, it remains mandatory to publish the marriage by the standards of «Marriage Act»

For others canonical dispensations, see Section III (#305) of this Code: «Faculties granted to the priests» by the Bishop dated on November 10th 1984.

703.17 **Freedom of the parties**

The freedom of the parties to marry before the Church shall, in the case of Catholics, be determined by their presenting a baptismal certificate dated less than six months previously and in the case of non-Catholics, by their presenting a duly-authorized public document or the sworn statement of two persons testifying to their freedom to marry.

703.18 **Weddings outside the parish**

Persons wishing to marry outside of the parish of either party must provide written authorization of letter of freedom from their pastor. It will therefore require a certificate from the pastor of each party.

703.19 **«Nihil obstat» for Wedding**

For any marriage celebrated within the diocese, we are not asking the «Nihil obstat», except for those who have obtained a declaration of nullity of marriage with a restrictive clause» also called «Vetitum» or those who after civil divorce, having been a defect of canonical form, want remarry in the Church.

We will always ask «Nihil obstat» when the marriage is celebrated outside the diocese.

703.20 **Registration of children called natural**

For the registration of children born outside of marriage, the priest asked the civil registration of the child. We will enter in the register the same data as on civil registration. We will always remove the term «illegitimate child»

For recording in the book of baptism can be done in two ways:

- after the act, you can leave blank the following space in the register. If one day the child receives a legal adoption, we will redo the act of baptism with new data.

- You can also redo the act of baptism with the new data following the adoption of baptisms for the current year in mind, however, indicate the sidelines the original act. Then write in the margins of the deed refers to the act of adoption. We must never remove or obliterate any record of baptism

703.21 **Prerequisites for Godparents**

1- To be godparents of baptism, we must have ourselves received the three sacraments of Christian initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Non-Catholics are excluded as godparents.

2- However, as the Canon 872 and 873 states that we assigns a sponsor to the child for baptism. One sponsor, male ou female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each sex. We can accept a non-catholic as witness in addition to the sponsor.

3- After a legal adoption, adoptive parents have the option to choose new sponsors for the child as needed. That's when their name appears in the register. It is understood that these new sponsors assume no spiritual kinship with the baptized.

4- When it issues a certificate of baptism of an adopted child, it is worth mentioning that «this does not apply to marriage» . If it's a wedding, you could send directly to the parish of marriage the accurate data.

APPOINTMENT OF PASTORS

703.22 General principles

To choose a responsible of a parish community, we will consider primarily the common good of the parishioners. With this in mind we will first assess the ability of a candidate for this function.

703.23 Mandate of parish priests

The priests will be appointed to the parish for an indefinite period, according to the needs of the diocese and the decision of the bishop, but the current policy of a possible change after 6 years will be preserved, in accordance with the decree of the CCCB.¹ This policy does not apply to priests appointed to diocesan offices.

703.24 APPOINTED OF MINISTERS EXTRAORDINARY OF COMMUNION

- a) It may appoint extraordinary ministers of communion:
- whenever the Minister fails ordinary priest or deacon;
 - whenever the priest or deacon, because of their poor health, old or their pastoral ministry, can not conveniently give communion,
 - Whenever the number of faithful who come to communion is so high that the celebration of Mass may be unduly prolonged.

1- Decree #5, October 23, 1984, approved by Rome. March 8, 1985

703.25 b) **Method of appointment**

The extraordinary minister of communion is presented by the pastoral council of the parish and appointed by the pastor. It receives its mandate by a liturgical blessing given in the ritual.

703.26 **Term of the extraordinary ministers of communion**

The term for an extraordinary this extraordinary ministry will be four years, renewable. These terms may be renewed on Holy Thursday.

703.27 **EMERGENCY BAPTISM OR CHILDREN BAPTIZED IN THE HOSPITALS**

Once a child is baptized in a hospital, the Minister sends to the parish of this child the name of child, the name of the father and mother, name of sponsors (if applicable), name of minister and asked the parish priest to do anything in the records of his parish.

703.28 **WILLS**

Each diocesan priest must do his will upon his ordination to the priesthood and keep it update.

It is strongly recommended that a copy of this will be kept in chancery office. If the will is deposited in another place, each priest will send tot the chancery office the following:

- a) the location of your will
- b) the name of the executor
- c) funeral arrangements
- D) indication for notify the family.

703.29 **STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY**

a) The student who wants to enter in theology for the priesthood will request in writing to the Bishop and will provide the documents required.

b) Any student admits in theology reports directly to him upon his entry into the first year. The Bishop may appoint the director of vocations or another priest to the accompaniment of one or a few students in theology.

703.30 **Student Financial Assistance**

Aid application from students for the priesthood will be subject to ad hoc Committee «composed of the Bishop, the director of vocations and the diocesan Financial Administrator.

Students in pre-theology may make known their financial needs with the Bishop or the Diocesan financial Administrator income at their disposal, the ability of inability of government of other their other scholarship. After considering the request, they may receive a loan to help them. This loan will be repaid one year after the start of their work. The terms of surrender in the world will be determined by the Committee said «ad hoc» agreement with the person concerned.

703.31 Theology students will receive $\frac{2}{3}$ of the amount requested by St. Paul Seminary in Ottawa for board students. Any amount deemed necessary or advisable, upon presentation of the budget showing the real need is a loan that must be returned in full beginning one year after the start of their work. The terms of surrender in the world will be determined by the Committee said «ad hoc» agreement with the person concerned.

703.32 **APOSTASY**
Diocesans procedures and attitudes to those of you who officially deny the Roman Catholic Church and want to withdraw.

Preamble

Sometimes we receive letters from people who ask us to remove their names on the list of members of our Roman Catholic Church.

703.33 **Basic attitudes:**

1- Make every effort to the pastor of the parish, alone or with a trained person, can meet the person who asks to withdraw officially from the Catholic Church.

2- To develop in us a desire for friendly exchange on that person lives in shedding on several aspects of its application.

3- On the one hand, the automatic ban and administrative indifference towards the person who renounces his faith and on the other hand.

4- Communicate the implications and consequences of the decision in relation to marriage, funerals and children. The information about the procedures for missing items to the withdrawal request. (Signature to at least two witnesses the name of the parish of baptism with date of birth, parents' names).

5- Experience shows that a person can change his mind. Tell him that the Church is always open if he or she wants to return one day there will be a pastoral approach to take.

PROCEDURES

703.34 Initial Procedure

1. What if the request is for the parish priest where the person is residential?

R.: The pastor of the parish, alone or with another trainee, is trying to encourage a meeting with the person.

703.35 2. What if the request is for the priest of the parish of baptism but the person lives in another parish in the diocese?

R.: The priest refers to the parish where such person resides.

703.36 3. What if the request is for the priest of the parish of baptism but that person remains outside of the diocese ?

R.: The priest send the letter to the chancellor who will forward it to the Chancery of the plaintiff's home.

703.37 4. What if the request is for the chancellor of the diocese?

Before proceeding immediately to official documents it will acknowledge the letter and will suggest a meeting with the person responsible for his parish. The Chancellor will notify the individual responsible for this person who request to withdraw from the Catholic Church. A meeting will take place, if a plaintiff with domicile in the diocese.

703.38 **FINAL PROCEDURE:**

1) If the applicant has residence in our diocese

When the pastoral encounter took place and the person persists in its desire to withdraw, the local Ordinary will send official letters: one to the person who asks and the other in the parish of baptism.

The Chancery will ask you to register on line:

«Do not be issued for any reason, a certificate of baptism, even for purely civilian reasons. Apostasy»

703.39 **2) If the plaintiff does not home in our diocese:**

If the person is not domiciled in our diocese, even though she was baptized in our diocese, we have no jurisdiction to proceed with the marginal note of apostasy, we must await the decision of the Ordinary of his home.

703.40 **3- RE-ADMISSION OF APOSTATES**

703.40 1- Take seriously all requests to return to the Catholic Church.

703.41 2- Check the person's sincerity.

703.42 3- Explain the meaning of this.

703.43 4- Ask the Ordinary delegation to meet the apostate of his excommunication «latae sententiae» and to receive his profession of faith.

703.44 5- Once the delegation of the Ordinary received, the pastor gives the converted, after the confession of his sins, sacramental absolution that is at the same time of his excommunication.

703.45 6- Receive then the profession of faith before two witnesses.

703.46 7- To make signed by two witnesses and converted the formula of faith in two copies, one copy is sent to the Diocesan Chancery.

703.47 8- Write the act of re-entry into the Catholic Church.

This (date and year, we priest undersigned duly authorized, have readmit to eh Roman Catholic Church N... son (daughter) and born on....(date and year) and validy baptized at (church) who gave the profession of Casthlic faith in the presence of N....N....witnesses signed with us.

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