

General Statutes

of the Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sanctissimi Sacramenti

(The Priestly Fraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) (FSSS)

1.0 Charter and Constitution

1.1 Charter

- (a) The Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sanctissimi Sacramenti, alternatively known in English as “The Priestly Fraternity of the Blessed Sacrament,” or for the purposes of this document as, “the Fraternity,” is a priestly fraternity constituted under the patronage of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- (b) The Fraternity is established on the model of a Society of Apostolic Life which is constituted by and operates pursuant to a charter of dependence bestowed by the Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum (EADM) (no. 45/2011).
- (c) The Fraternity receives apostolic benediction and protection from the Metropolitan Primate and Presiding Bishop of EADM, who is the Ruling Prelate of the Fraternity.

2.0 Mission

2.1 Purpose

- (a) The Fraternity seeks to celebrate the mystery of the Eucharist through its regular celebration and adoration.
- (b) Members of the fraternity are to become living witnesses of the Eucharist and of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- (c) Members proclaim the reality of God’s love manifested in the Eucharist through our “gift of self” to Christ and our brothers and sisters.
- (d) Members live an active Apostolic Life, including for members of the order of Priest or above the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and for members of the order of Deacon assistance at such celebration, as well as writing, teaching and working for justice.
- (e) Regular contemplation, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is actively encouraged and promoted as a source of unity.
- (f) Rigorous study of the mystery of the Eucharist, including rubrics, is encouraged; special consideration is given to the work of Bishop Charles W. Leadbeater.

3.0 Membership.

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- (a) Members of the Fraternity is confined to those in the Major Orders of bishop, priest and deacon. Those in the minor orders may be admitted by special arrangement.
- (b) Applications for membership are made to the Superior General.
- (c) A religious name maybe chosen at the time of profession.
- (d) Members may append the postnominal designation FSSS.
- (e) Members who have been ordained to the priesthood should strive to always remember the Fraternity in the prayers at Mass.
- (f) All members are subject to the canons and discipline of EADM.
- (g) The Fraternity does not use a habit. Full members wear their usual clerical attire.

3.2 Officers

- (a) Members who have been elected to offices for which they are duly qualified are considered officers of the Fraternity.

3.3 Dismissal of members

- (a) Decisions regarding the dismissal of members, either full or associate, are made at the sole discretion of the Presiding Bishop of EADM, the Council of Three, or the Superior General in consultation with the Presiding Bishop.
- (b) There is no appeal from a decision of dismissal by the Presiding Bishop of EADM.

4.0 Governance of the Fraternity

4.1 The Presiding Bishop

- (a) The Presiding Bishop is the primary officer of the FSSS.
- (b) All decisions of the Presiding Bishop are final and may not be appealed.

4.2 Apostolic Guardian

- (a) The Apostolic Guardian is the secondary officer of the Fraternity.
- (b) The Apostolic Guardian is appointed by the Presiding Bishop of EADM.
- (c) Decisions of the Apostolic Guardian may only be appealed to the Presiding Bishop of EADM.

4.3 Superior General

- (a) The Superior General of the Fraternity is appointed by the Presiding Bishop of EADM.
- (b) The Superior General shall be a priest or bishop of EADM and member of the Fraternity.

- (c) The Superior General is tasked with providing spiritual guidance, as appropriate, and special oversight to the clergy of the Fraternity.
- (d) The Superior General's duties are comprised of acting as the general representative for the Fraternity for external affairs, of keeping the official seal of the Fraternity, of affixing the Fraternal seal to official documents, of presiding over meetings of the Fraternity, and other duties as may be required.
- (e) The Superior General shall consult with the Apostolic Guardian when appropriate.

5.0 Oratories

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- (a) A public oratory dedicated to some aspect of the Fraternity's charism may be founded with permission of the Superior General, The Apostolic Guardian, and the Presiding Bishop of EADM.

6.0 Youth

6.1 No programs for youth under the age of majority are normally permitted.

- (a) The Fraternity does not proselytize, or otherwise work with persons under 18 years of age, or under the legal age of majority for any given jurisdiction in which the Society operates.
- (b) This provision may be waived by parental consent, provided that the parent or guardian is an active participant in the work of the Fraternity.
- (c) Active participation for purposes of this section is defined as participating in at least 50% of all meetings or liturgical celebrations under the direction of a member of the Fraternity.
- (d) In any case in which children are present at an official Fraternal function, no member of the Fraternity shall be permitted to be alone with any such child not related to them by law or familial relationship. The relevant Code of Conduct applying to child protection shall apply.

7.0 Liturgy

7.1 Private celebration and public celebrations outside of the Society

- (a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, any cleric of the Fraternity is free to celebrate according to any liturgy approved by EADM, having regard to the place of the Liturgy of the Liberal Catholic Church as the normative liturgy of EADM. Specifically approved liturgies include:

- (1) The Rite of the Liberal Catholic Church.
 - (2) Any and all other liturgies in conformity with the Tridentine Rite of the Mass.
- (b) No cleric of the Society may promote any liturgy to Fraternal members contrary to the liturgical policy of EADM.

7.2 Public celebration within the Fraternity

- (a) Any liturgical celebration occurring within the Fraternity, that is, as part of a Society meeting or worship must be in a form authorized by Section 7.1 of the Statutes.
- (b) Any paraliturgical celebration, such as prayer meetings or public rites of theurgy or other ceremonial activity occurring within the Fraternity, that is, as part of Fraternal meetings or worship must be in a form authorized by the Statutes, or not contrary to the policy of EADM.

8.0 Calendar

8.1 Calendar Use

- (a) The Calendar of the Liberal Catholic Rite is the standard usage with additions and modifications as determined by EADM.
- (b) In general, the Calendar of the Fraternity also follows the traditional western catholic calendar of the Roman Church in effect prior to the Conciliar-Bugnini changes of 1950, 1956, 1960, and 1962, and corresponding to the *Missale Romanum* and the *Breviarium Romanum*.
- (c) The date of Pascha, the Feast of the Risen Light (Easter) is set in accord with the Gregorian date as is the practice of the Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum.
- (d) Orthodox and indigenous commemorations may be added, such as the commemorations of +H.P. Nicholson, +Mar Georgius of Glastonbury, Theosophical dates, etc.

FOR THE COUNCIL OF THREE

14 August 2011 a.d.

No. 44 of 2011



OFFICERS:

Ruling Prelate: The Presiding Bishop
Apostolic Guardian: The Regionary Bishop for the United Kingdom
Superior General: The Revd. Fr. Jason Voss, F.S.S.S.

Seal of the Fraternity:





The Church of the Divine Mysteries

ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM



Charter to the Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sanctissimi Sacramentum

IOANNES, The Servant of Jesus Christ by the Grace of God PRESIDING BISHOP OF ECCLESIA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM, ARCHBISHOP OF GREAT BRITAIN IN THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BISHOP AND RECTOR PRO-PROVINCIAL OF CANTERBURY IN THE ORDER OF CORPORATE REUNION
OMNIBUS HAS PRESENTES LITTERAS VISURIS ~ S a l u t e m in Domino!

☩ In the Sacred Name of the Most Holy, Adorable, and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Ad Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

By Virtue of the ANCIENT PLENARY POWERS inherent in Our Sacred Office and of the LEGAL POWERS and PREROGATIVES vested in Us by Articles FOUR and SIX of the Constitution of the ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM being a denomination of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church established with full Canonical Authority, and of all other Powers hereunto Us enabling:

We do Hereby

GRANT

This Our Charter to the Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sanctissimi Sacramentum, which shall be established as a Priestly Fraternity within this Communion, in accordance with the General Statutes issued by the Council of Three on 14 August 2011 a.d. (2011/44).

A N D WE PRAY that the grace and favour of **ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT**, may rest upon the said Mission, and upon every Member and Officer thereof, and as an earnest token of Our Paternal solicitude, We do hereby impart unto them Our Apostolic Benediction.

In Faith and Testimony whereof We have here unto set OUR SIGN MANUAL and EPISCOPAL SEAL and caused this APOSTOLIC MANDATE to be issued out of Our Chancellery at LONDON, ENGLAND, this fourteenth day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and eleven and in the fifth year of Our Episcopate.

Joannes
Presiding Bishop



Member of the Council of Three :

+ *A. L. J.*



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ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA
DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM
No. 45 of 20 11
+ *A. L. J.* Grand Archivist



And that the following may be truly and duly attested as an OFFICIAL ACT of HIS GRACE THE MOST REVD. JOHN KERSEY, PRESIDING BISHOP OF ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM, a Corporation Sole within the scope of the Constitution Powers vested in him, the CORPORATE SEAL of ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM was hereunto affixed in the presence of: -

+ *A. L. J.* Secretarius ad hoc