

ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM

ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL

The Marian Administration

1. Mariology within E.A.D.M.
 - a. E.A.D.M. has responsibility for three Marian organisations: The Order of Ave Maria (O.A.M.), The Societas (formerly Sodalitas) Sacerdotalis Mariae Vitae (S.S.M.V.) and the Guild of Healers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a dependent sodality of O.A.M.
 - b. It has been deemed desirable that, in order to avoid duplication of function, and to ensure that the distinct character of each group be maintained in an efficient manner, a common Administration to be called The Marian Administration should be established to place the three groups under a common hierarchy.

2. The Marian Administration
 - a. The Marian Administration shall have responsibility for the administration of the three Marian organisations above, subject to the Council of Three of E.A.D.M.
 - b. The governance of the Marian Administration shall be entrusted to the following clergy, listed in order of precedence, the appointment of whose successors in these roles shall devolve upon the Council of Three:
 - i. The Presiding Bishop of E.A.D.M. as Archbishop, and Head of all Religious Orders within the Ecclesia.
 - ii. An Apostolic Guardian nominated from the other members of the Council of Three, in this case Bishop Tony Scuderi, who shall exercise a role representing the Council of Three and providing episcopal oversight and guidance.
 - iii. An Abbot of the Marian Orders, in this case Fr. Charles Reynolds, who shall have responsibility for the administration, conduct and quotidian life of the Orders.
 - c. All members of the Marian Orders are subject to the Canons of E.A.D.M.
 - d. The admission of new members, whether lay or ordained, to the Marian Orders, shall require the agreement of the Council of Three in each case, and for clergy and ordinands, the usual procedures regarding the admission of ordinands and the incardination of clergy shall be followed.

3. The Abbot of the Marian Orders
 - a. The first Abbot of the Marian Orders shall be Fr. Charles Reynolds, who shall serve for a duration and under terms to be specified by the Council of Three in accordance with the Canons of E.A.D.M.
 - b. The Abbot shall have the status of a Mitred Abbot. He may wear the cappa magna and may use a white pastoral staff with a pendant veil. He may use mitre and crosier when required to do so. He may celebrate pontifically in any place of worship of E.A.D.M. where a member of clergy in his charge is appointed.
 - c. The Abbot shall be formally consecrated as soon as is practicable.
 - d. The Abbot may promulgate a Rule for the Marian Orders, and revision of the same, subject to the imprimatur of the Council of Three.

4. The Mariavite Mission Society
 - a. The Societas Sacerdotalis Mariae Vitae is hereby elevated to the status of a Mission Episcopate, and while acting in said capacity may be known henceforth as The Mariavite Mission Society (MMS).
 - b. Bishop Tony Scuderi is appointed Apostolic Guardian and Fr. Charles Reynolds Minister-General of the Mission Episcopate, to serve as such under the usual canonical provisions for Mission Episcopates within E.A.D.M.
 - c. Bishop Tony and Fr. Charles shall have responsibility for all ministerial acts, the character, direction and exercise of mission and for the day to day policy of the Mission Episcopate, subject to the canons of E.A.D.M. and in keeping with the undivided Catholic Faith. The Mission Episcopate shall be responsible for compliance with all relevant local and national laws in the places of its activity and no vicarious responsibility for non-compliance, nor responsibility for any civil debt incurred in the course of its activities, shall be deemed to devolve upon E.A.D.M. under any circumstances whatsoever.
 - d. The Mission Episcopate shall have perpetual existence and any successor to its officers shall be appointed by the Council of Three.
 - e. Any other clergy or ordinands wishing to serve in the Mission Episcopate shall be subject to the usual procedures that apply to ordinands and incardinating clergy within E.A.D.M.

Done this 23rd day of June 2011 a.d. to the greater glory of God and in the strength and plenitude of Our Lady's grace.

COUNCIL OF THREE
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