

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE ORDINANCE, 1966**  
**Notes for the conduct of a hearing**  
**to commence on 23 February 1998**

The accused has responded *Not Guilty* to the charge of unchastity made on 16 December, 1996.

The Bishop has appointed Mr Ralph Coolahan, Barrister, Chambers, 12 Church Street, Newcastle as an Advocate of the Diocese to prosecute the charge [Section 17(a)(b)].

Pursuant to Section 18, Articles of Accusation and a citation to appear before a Tribunal at 11.00 am on Monday, 23 February, 1998 at the Bishop's Meeting Room, The Bishop's Registry, 250 Darby Street, Newcastle were issued to the Reverend [REDACTED] and hand delivered on Friday, 6 February, 1998. Copies were also delivered to [REDACTED] and Fr [REDACTED] solicitors, Conditis & Associates.

Conditis & Associates were provided with a copy of all relevant documents and statements.

Section 20(3) - The Bishop has appointed the Chancellor of the Diocese, His Honour Judge John Lincoln, as Deputy President of the Tribunal.

Two lay members and two clerical members of the Panel of Triers, together with the Deputy President, shall form the Tribunal.

The Bishop's Meeting Room will contain a large table, suitable for the five members of the Tribunal. A table will be placed facing the Tribunal with chairs for the accused's solicitor and the Advocate. Another chair will be provided for the accused to sit near his solicitor. Tables and chairs will be provided for the shorthand writer and the Registrar.

Two shorthand writers will be employed. Each will take notes for 30 minutes, then type their transcript while the other takes notes. Transcripts of the evidence given will be signed by each witness [Section 23(1)].

Each member of the Tribunal shall make the declaration required under Schedule B.

Each witness shall swear under oath or make an affirmation as required using the form Schedule C.

The Tribunal will commence at 11.00 am on Monday, 23 February, 1998. The proceedings will break for lunch between 1.00 and 2.00 pm. By mid-afternoon the Deputy President will consider whether the Tribunal should continue in an attempt to finish late Monday evening. If it is probable that more time is required, the Tribunal will re-convene at 10.00 am on Tuesday, 24 February. Wednesday, 25 February has also been reserved should it be necessary.

The Tribunal will be open to the public, ie. the door to the room will remain open.

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