



Canon 2

Election of a Coadjutor Bishop or a Suffragan Bishop

1. The Bishop may, at any time, in writing under their hand and Episcopal seal, signify to any duly constituted meeting of the Synod, or Diocesan Council, that they desire to have the assistance of a coadjutor bishop and/or an additional suffragan bishop and in such communication shall state the principal responsibilities that the Bishop desires to assign to such bishop when duly consecrated. Such communication shall be delivered to the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be printed in the Convening Circular of the Electoral Synod and shall form part of the business of such meeting of the Synod; provided that at any meeting of the Synod notice of such communication and the printing thereof in the convening circular may be waived by two-thirds majority vote of the members of Synod present in person.
2. If Synod approves such resolution, Diocesan Council shall forthwith give the necessary directions to the Honorary Secretaries of the Synod in accordance with provisions of the Constitution.
3. The coadjutor bishop or suffragan bishop(s) shall perform such Episcopal duties as are assigned to them from time to time by the Bishop.
4. The coadjutor bishop shall automatically succeed the Bishop upon the death, retirement, removal or resignation of the Bishop and, in such event, no vacancy shall be deemed to have arisen in the See for the purposes of electing a Bishop.
5. A suffragan bishop, in the event of a vacancy occurring in the See, shall not become the Bishop unless duly elected.
6. In the event of the death, retirement, removal, translation, or resignation of a coadjutor bishop or suffragan bishop during the tenure of the Bishop, and should the Bishop continue to deem it advisable and necessary to have a replacement coadjutor bishop and/or suffragan bishop(s), the Bishop shall give notice to the Honorary Secretaries who shall proceed to call an Electoral Synod in the manner provided in the Constitution.