

CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

THE DIOCESE

PREAMBLE

The Kingdom of God was not only proclaimed and heralded by Jesus, but also revealed and embodied by him. As Christ's Body in the world today, the church exists to live as a sign, foretaste, and instrument of the promised and immanent Kingdom of God. The church testifies to the Lordship of the risen and ascended Christ, and to his Kingdom, as it acts courageously on God's promises and gives passionate witness to the gospel by word and deed. As part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, the Diocese of Algoma is committed to living out this vision and vocation.

The purpose of our diocesan canons is to serve Algoma's governance in such a way that this commitment is given priority through liturgy and formation that orient us to the Kingdom and shape people in the life of Christ; a common life that deepens our love of God and one another; and participation in God's ongoing mission in the world that leads us to proclaim the good news and pursue God's justice, reconciliation, and peace.

The Synod directs that these canons, and all policies, regulations, and guidelines shall be interpreted and applied in light of this preamble.