

# Authority for Lay Persons to Assist in the Service of Holy Communion

I, Peter Frederick Jensen, Archbishop of Sydney pursuant to section 1 of the Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 hereby authorise every lay person to assist the priest in the ministering and distribution of the Holy Communion where the following requirements are satisfied -

- (a) the lay person has attained the age of 21 years, and
- (b) the lay person has been invited by the priest to provide such assistance, and
- (c) the lay person is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia, and
- (d) the minister is satisfied concerning the doctrine held by and the character of the lay person, and
- (e) the lay person is not the subject of a request by the parish council of the parish in which the service of Holy Communion takes place that the lay person not provide such assistance, and
- (f) the lay person is not the subject of a direction of the Archbishop or an Assistant Bishop that the lay person not provide such assistance, and
- (g) the lay person is not the subject of a prohibition made by the Archbishop under the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996.

In this Authority –

"minister" means -

- (a) as applied to a parish, the minister duly licensed thereto as the incumbent thereof or the person (if any) appointed thereto pursuant to clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990,
- (b) as applied to a provisional parish, the minister duly licensed thereto as curate-in-charge or the person (if any) appointed thereto pursuant to clause 59 of the Church Administration Ordinance 1990,
- (c) as applied to St Andrew's Cathedral, the Dean thereof, and
- (d) as applied to a church situated within the Diocese but not situated in any parish, the minister licensed to officiate thereat.

"parish" means a parish and a provisional parish in the Diocese constituted or recognised under the Parishes Ordinance 1979 or a church recognised under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000.

"Parish council" as applied to St Andrew's Cathedral means the Chapter thereof.

PETER F JENSEN

**Archbishop**

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