
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Patronage (Benefices) Rules 1987

EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OF PRESENTATION

Review of Refusal to Approve offer

11.—(1) Where, on the refusal either by the bishop or by a parish representative of the making of an offer to a priest the patron has requested the archbishop of the province to review the matter, the archbishop, after making such enquiries as he deems necessary, shall give his reasons in writing for giving or withholding his authorisation to the patron to make the offer in question.

(2) The archbishop may appoint the Vicar General of the province to make the enquiries on his behalf. The Vicar General shall send a written report to the archbishop who shall then determine the matter.

(3) A copy of the determination by the archbishop shall be sent to the bishop and to the parish representatives.

(4) Where the see of the archbishop is vacant or the archbishop is also the bishop of the diocese concerned, any reference in this rule to the archbishop of the province shall be construed as a reference to the archbishop of the other province. Where under this paragraph the review is to be made by the archbishop of the other province, if he wishes to appoint the Vicar General to make enquiries under paragraph 2 of this rule, he shall appoint the Vicar General of the province in which the benefice is situated.

Notice of proposal to collate, etc.

12.—(1) The notice by or on behalf of the bishop that he proposes to collate or institute a person to a benefice shall be served on the secretary of the parochial church council by the designated officer or the registrar as the bishop shall direct.

(2) The notice shall state the name of the priest in full and the ecclesiastical preferments previously held and declared by him and so far as they are known to the bishop.

Publication of notice

13.—(1) The secretary of the parochial church council shall immediately on receipt of the notice cause it to be fixed in accordance with the requirements of the Measure and shall take such other steps as he thinks expedient for giving publicity to the notice.

(2) At the expiration of the period during which the notice has been published the secretary of the council shall sign an endorsement attached to the notice that he has complied with the provisions of this rule and shall return the notice.