

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE OFFICE OF PRIEST ORDINANCE
1990

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the Ordination of Women to the office of Priest and for related purposes.

THE SYNOD HEREBY DETERMINES:

Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Ordination of Women to the Office of Priest Ordinance 1990".

Authority to Ordain

2. The Bishop or with the mandate of the Bishop any other bishop of the Anglican Church of Australia or of any Church in communion therewith may within the Diocese of Adelaide ordain a woman to the office of priest.

Form of Ordination

3. The form of service to be used for the ordination of a woman to the office of priest shall be the form appropriate to that office set out in the Ordinal included in the Book of Common Prayer or in the Ordinal included in An Australian Prayer Book or in accordance with any other form appropriate to that office and approved for use in this Diocese, the language of any such form being adapted for the purpose so far as may be necessary for the admission of a woman to that office.

Licensing of Women

4. The Bishop may grant to any woman who has been ordained in Australia or elsewhere to the office of priest a licence to perform the duties of a priest in this Diocese.

Savings

5. Nothing in the Ordinance shall limit any power or authority possessed by the Bishop prior to the making of this Ordinance.

Pastoral Guidelines

6. Pastoral guidelines which may be issued by the Bishop consequent upon this Ordinance should be taken into account by those concerned but no rights or duties at law will be conferred or imposed by them or arise out of non-compliance with them.