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No. 4 of 1949.

An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Saint-Paul, and the Roman Catholic Parishes and Missions in the Diocese of Saint-Paul.

(Assented to , 1949.)

WHEREAS the Most Reverend Maurice Baudoux, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Saint-Paul, has petitioned to be incorporated and authorized to acquire and possess real and personal estate in the Province of Alberta for religious purposes;

And whereas the Bishop of the Diocese of Saint-Paul wishes to be assisted in the management of the said estates and has petitioned for the right to incorporate Catholic parishes and missions in the Diocese of Saint-Paul now existing, or that may hereafter be organized;

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Most Reverend Maurice Baudoux, Roman Catholic Bishop of the said Diocese of Saint-Paul, and each of his successors being bishop of the said Diocese in communion with the Church of Rome, shall be, and are by these presents declared to be a corporate body under the name of "Le Diocèse de Saint-Paul", and under this name shall have the right of perpetual succession and shall have a corporate seal, and may, from time to time, modify, renew or otherwise change at pleasure such corporate seal.

2. The said Corporation is hereby authorized and empowered:

- (a) to acquire by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, transfer or otherwise real or personal property of every nature in the Province of Alberta and to have, hold, possess, enjoy, take and receive the same for the general uses and purposes, ecclesiastical, religious, charitable, educational and recreational of the said diocese or any part thereof.
- (b) to give, sell, exchange, convey, transfer, assign, mortgage, encumber, demise, or otherwise dispose of all or any of the property, real or personal, of the said corporation or any interest therein.
- (c) to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money for any of the purposes of the corporation in such

manner as shall be deemed expedient and in particular by negotiable instruments and by issue of debentures or debenture stock, bonds, mortgages or obligations, charged upon all or any of the property of the corporation, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities in whole or in part;

- (d) to make loans and to receive mortgages, bonds and debentures, negotiable instruments or other securities as security therefore; and to assign, sell, transfer, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise dispose of such mortgages or securities so received; and to discharge and release mortgages or other securities so given, either in whole or in part and to extend the period for payment thereof;
- (e) to give any guarantee for payment of any loan, mortgage, bond or debenture issue, obligations or securities made or issued by any parish or missions, situate within the territorial limits of the said corporation as the same shall from time to time be constituted;
- (f) to enact such regulations and orders which shall be deemed necessary for the management of the affairs of the said corporation and, from time to time to amend, alter or annul such regulations and orders, or any of them, as the said corporation shall deem fit and proper.

3.—(1) In the event of a vacancy of the said bishopric or in case of the absence from the diocese of the said bishop or of his being incapacitated by sickness, infirmity or from any other cause, then and in such case the coadjutor bishop of the diocese, or the bishop auxiliary to the bishop of the diocese or the vicar general or the member of the clergy canonically elected or appointed to administer the affairs of the diocese shall be entitled to exercise all the powers and authority of the corporation in the place and stead of the bishop .

(2) All powers herein authorized to be exercised by the bishop may be exercised in like manner by the coadjutor bishop or the bishop auxiliary, or the vicar general or the member of the clergy canonically elected or appointed to administer the affairs of the diocese.

4. All instruments or documents to be signed or executed by the corporation shall be signed or executed by the bishop.

5.—(1) The bishop may establish parishes or missions within the diocese and every such parish or mission shall become a body politic and corporate by the style and name of "The Parish of....." or "The Mission of....." or "La Paroisse de....." or "La Mission de....." with the specific name given in each case by the bishop and each such parish or mission so established shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to change or alter the said seal.

(2) Each such parish or mission shall be represented by the bishop and the priest appointed by the bishop for the administration of each such parish or mission.

(3) All instruments or documents to be signed or executed by each such parish or mission shall be signed or executed by the parish priest or missionary appointed by the bishop to be in charge of such parish or mission as the case may be and by the bishop with the seal only of the parish or mission as the case may be.

(4) Each such parish and mission shall *mutatis mutandis* have all the powers herein conferred upon the said corporation except the powers conferred in section 2, paragraph (e).

6. It shall be lawful for any person or corporation in whose name any real or personal property is now or may hereafter be held in trust or otherwise for the benefit of the said bishop or for the benefit of any parish or mission established by the said bishop to assign, convey or transfer the same to the corporation or to the said parish or mission as the case may be.

7. The powers herein granted shall be subject to the general laws of the province now in force or hereafter enacted.

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MR. BEAUDRY.
