

Canons at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford
from the Constitution and Statutes Of The Cathedral Church of the Diocese (2003)

from the Statutes

Section II The Staff Canons. The Staff Canons shall be responsible for discharging such duties in the worship and the administration of the Cathedral as shall be assigned to them by the Dean or Provost.

The Staff Canons shall be elected by the Chapter, on joint nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost.

All Staff Canons shall retain this title while a member of the Cathedral staff.

Upon retirement or resignation, the Chapter, upon nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost, may grant the title "Canon Emeritus" to Staff Canons.

Section III Honorary Canons

A. Special Honorary Canons. Special Honorary Canons may be lay or ordained persons who shall be elected for the special representative character of their ministries. They may be elected by the Chapter on the joint nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost, and shall thereafter hold office for five years and then may be elected to additional five year terms. There shall be no more than six Special Honorary Canons at one time.

B. Retired Honorary Canons. There may be elected by the Chapter as Honorary Retired Canons clergy persons retired from active full-time ministry, who shall retain this title for life on the joint nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost. There shall not be more than six Honorary Retired Canons at one time.

C. Honorary Canon Scholars. Persons who have satisfactorily completed the Honorary Canon Scholars Continuing Education Program of the Cathedral may be elected by the Chapter as Honorary Canon Scholars on the recommendation of the Director of the Canon Scholars Program and the joint nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost.

All Honorary Canons are to be members of the Chapter with voice only.

Section IV The Canon Precentor. A person may, on joint nomination of the Bishop and the Dean or Provost, be elected by the Chapter as the Canon Precentor, who shall have the overview of the music of the Cathedral under the direction of the Dean or Provost.

CANON (ecclesiastical title)

Adapted/Excerpted from Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia and blended with other sources

A **CANON** (from the Latin *canonicus*, itself derived from the Greek *κανωνικός* 'relating to a rule') is a priest who is a member of certain bodies of the Christian clergy subject to an ecclesiastical rule (canon).

Originally, a canon was a cleric living with others in a clergyhouse or, later, in one of the houses within the precinct or close of a cathedral and ordering his life according to the orders or rules of the church. This way of life began to become common (and be referred to in manuscripts) in the eighth century. In the eleventh century, some churches required clergy thus living together to adopt the rule first proposed by Saint Augustine that they renounce private property. Those who embraced this change were known as Augustinian or regular canons, while those who did not were known as secular canons.

One of the functions of the cathedral canons in the Roman Catholic Church is to elect a Vicar Capitular (now named a Diocesan Administrator in English) to serve during a *sede vacante* (vacant episcopal see) period of the diocese.

From an Episcopal Church glossary: “A canon may be a member of the clergy on the staff of a cathedral or diocese. A canon on a cathedral staff assists the dean, and a canon on a diocesan staff assists the bishop. Members of the clergy and laity have at times been made honorary canons of a cathedral in recognition of significant service or achievement. Historically, canons were secular clergy who were connected to a cathedral or collegiate church, sharing the revenues and a common rule of life at the church.”

By charter or other legal provision (such as, a cathedral’s *Constitution and Statutes*), the number of canons *in toto* or in one or more classifications may be limited.

A “*Residentiary Canon*” or “*Canon Residentiary*” is a member of the permanent, salaried staff of a cathedral. Some residentiary canons are given designations according to their responsibilities, such as, Canon Pastor, Canon Sacrist, Canon for Liturgy & the Arts, Canon Missioner, Canon Librarian, Canon Treasurer, and Canon Precentor. If a canon retires from that post, (s)he may be formally named *Canon Emeritus*. If a canon leaves the post for a different position, (s)he is to relinquish the title, unless otherwise specified in writing.

At Canterbury Cathedral, UK, *The College of Canons* is composed of 30 Honorary, Lay and Provincial Canons appointed by the Archbishop and it supports the life of the Cathedral in many different ways.

SECULAR CANONS

In the Roman Catholic Church the members of the chapter of a cathedral or of a collegiate church are canons.

All canons of the Church of England have been secular since the Reformation, although individual canons may themselves also be members of a religious order. Mostly, however, they are ordained (that is, members of the clergy). Today, the system of canons is retained almost exclusively in connection with cathedral churches. A canon is a member of the chapter of (for the most part) priests, headed by a Dean, which is responsible for administering a cathedral or certain other churches that are styled collegiate church. The Dean and Chapter are the formal body which has legal responsibility for the Cathedral.

CANON TO THE ORDINARY

With varied responsibilities from diocese to diocese, the *Canon to the Ordinary* provides counsel and assistance to the diocesan bishop. As such, (s)he is a person whose ministry is directly answerable to the bishop and who usually functions as a kind of chief of staff.

As an example, in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, the post is described (in 2008) in this way: “With the bishop, the Canon oversees the ordination process, including the one-year program of ordinands training. She also works with clergy and lay professionals who are planning to attend programs of continuing education, or to take sabbaticals. The office coordinates several events for all diocesan clergy (deacons, priests and bishops), including an annual clergy conference in late January or early February, two Clergy Days (fall and spring) on selected topics, and a fall Clergy Retreat. With others, she is also involved in parish development, from working with aided parishes or parishes in conflict, to recommending programs for parish renewal and growth.” This description can change as Connecticut’s circumstances evolve.

HONORARY CANONS

The “canon” designation is given in some dioceses to senior priests as a largely honorary title, not unlike an honorary degree. It is usually awarded in recognition of long, exemplary, and dedicated service to the cathedral and/or diocese. Honorary canons are members of the Chapter in name but are non-residential and non-stipendiary, but are entitled to be called Canon and may have a role in the administration of the cathedral.

Generally speaking, the honorary canons in the Anglican Communion, including the Episcopal Church in the United States, are of this sort, and thus are equivalent or similar to a monsignor in the Roman Catholic Church, often wearing the violet or violet-trimmed cassock which is associated with that rank. Or, canons might wear colored cassocks as selected by their respective cathedrals. Some cathedrals have assigned seats or “stalls” for canons.

Honorary Canons may be appointed for a specific term or for life. Some are designated as a “Retired Honorary Canon” or “Honorary Canon Emeritus.”

LAY CANONS

In addition to canons who are in Holy Orders, cathedrals in the Anglican Communion may also appoint lay persons as canons. The rank of Lay Canon is especially conferred upon Diocesan Chancellors (the senior legal officer of the diocese, who is usually, though not exclusively, a lay person).

CANON-PROFESSORS AT OXFORD

§2 of The Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1995 was passed for the express purpose of enabling Christ Church, Oxford to appoint not more than two Lay Canons. One of the motivations for this provision was the fact that, under the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840 (§6), the position of Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford was annexed to a Residentiary Canonry of the Cathedral, meaning that the Regius Professorship could be held only by an Anglican priest. Following the death of Peter Hinchliff in 1995 the Regius Professorship was held by

Henry Mayr-Harting, a Roman Catholic layman, from 1997 until 2003, and was taken up by another lay person, Sarah Foot, in Michaelmas Term 2007. Three other Statutory Professorships, the Regius Professorship of Divinity, Lady Margaret Professorship of Divinity, and Regius Professorship of Moral and Pastoral Theology, are annexed to canonries of Christ Church and must be held by Anglican priests.

MINOR CANONS

Minor canons are those clergy who are members of the cathedral's establishment and take part in the daily services but are not part of the formal Chapter. These are generally more junior clergy.

CANONS REGULAR

The members of certain religious orders in the Roman Catholic church (not to be confused with clerics regular), composed of priests and some choir canons who live in community, together in the past with lay brothers. There are a variety of Congregations of Canons some of whom are part of the Confederation of Canons Regular of St. Augustine.

Canons Regular of the Lateran or St. Saviour, who seem to date back to Pope Alexander II (1063)

Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception a congregation of Canons Regular founded in France in 1871

Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross (The Crosiers) founded at Clair-lieu, near Huy, in Belgium, in 1211

Order of the Canons Regular of Premontre; Norbertines founded by St. Norbert (1120)

Order of the Holy Cross (Canons Regular) founded in Portugal in 1131 and re-founded in 1977

Swiss Congregation of Canons Regular of Saint Maurice of Agaune

Gilbertine Order, a solely English order of Canons Regular, which became extinct under King Henry VIII

Many bishops endeavoured to imitate St. Augustine and St. Eusebius, and to live a common life with the clergy of their Church. Rules taken from the sacred canons were even drawn up for their use, of which the most celebrated is that of St. Chrodegang, Bishop of Metz (766). In the tenth century, this institution declined; the canons, as the clergy attached to a church and living a common life were called, began to live separately; some of them, however resisted this relaxation of discipline, and even added poverty to their common life. This is the origin of the canons regular. Pope Benedict XII by his Constitution "Ad decorem" (15 May, 1339) prescribed a general reform of the canons regular. The Canons Regular ex professo united Holy orders with religious life, and being attached to a church, devoted themselves to promoting the dignity of Divine worship. With monks, Holy orders are accidental and secondary, and are superadded to the religious life; with canons as with the clerks regular, Holy orders are the principal thing, and the religious life is superadded to the Holy orders.

Adapted/Excerpted from *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*

CANON (ECCLESIASTICAL TITLE). Though first applied to all clergy on the official staff of a diocese (excluding monks, private chaplains, etc.), the word was gradually limited to those secular clergy belonging to a cathedral or collegiate church. They had a share in the revenues of the Church and were bound to a common life there, though in the early Middle Ages this was not very uniformly interpreted. Before the 11th cent., a canonry was often consistent with the holding of private property and periods of non-residence; but from then onwards those continuing to maintain this mode of life came to be known as 'secular canons' to distinguish them from the Augustinian or 'regular' canons (*q.v.*) who lived under a semi-monastic rule.

'Residentiary canons' form the permanent salaried staff of a cathedral and are mainly responsible for the maintenance of its services, fabric, etc. In the C of E a 'nonresidentiary canon' (often 'honorary canon') is one who holds an unsalaried post, which may entail certain privileges and responsibilities. 'Minor canons' are clerics usually chosen for their ability to sing the services in a cathedral, and in general have no say in its government. The residentiary, non-residentiary, and lay canons, together with the dean, the suffragan and full-time assistant bishops, and the archdeacons of the diocese, form the 'College of Canons', which has the right to elect or refuse to elect the Crown's nominee to a vacant episcopal see.

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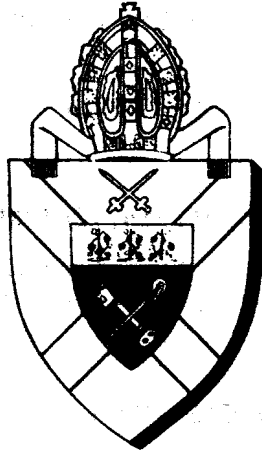
q.v. quod vide (Lat., which see).

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THE 207TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

THE DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT

**Christ Church Cathedral
Hartford, Connecticut**



**Friday, October 25, 1991
1:00 pm**

**The Holy Eucharist
Rite II**

(At the entrance of the Ministers, the People stand)

Hymn 410

Acclamation

Collect for Purity

Trisagion S 102

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. AMEN.

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:1-10

Psalm Hymn 663

Epistle

Acts 4:32-37

Sequence Hymn 178 (Refrain, 2nd stanza, Refrain)

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

SILENCE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form V)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Kyrie eleison".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por N. nuestro Primado, por N. (N.) nuestro (s) Obispo(s), por todos los obispos y demas ministros, y por todo el pueblo santo de Dios, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por la mision de la Iglesia, para que en testimonio fiel proclame el Evangelio hasta los confines de la tierra, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por la paz del mundo, para que entre las naciones y los pueblos crezca un espiritu de respeto y comprension, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

For those in positions of public trust (especially___) that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por tu bendicion sobre todo trabajo humano y por el uso debido de las riquezas de la creacion, para que el mundo sea librado de la pobreza, el hambre y el desastre, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por esta diocese, para que nos libres de dureza de corazon y manifestemos tu gloria en todo lo que hagamos, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Kyrie eleison.

Por cuantos han muelto en la communion de tu Iglesia, y por aquellos cuya fe solo tu conoces, para que on todos tus santos tengan descanso en ese lugar donde no hay dolor ni tristeza, sino vida eterna, te suplicamos Senor.

Kyrie eleison.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

THE INVESTITURE

Honorary Canons of Christ Church Cathedral

(The Rev. Barbara Zikmund, President of Hartford Seminary, has been elected an Honorary Canon. President Zikmund cannot be here today and will have her investiture at a later date.)

PRESENTER: Arthur, Bishop of Connecticut, I present to you the Very Reverend William David Wightman, Provost of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Aberdeen, Scotland to be admitted as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral representing the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Arthur, Bishop of Connecticut, I present to you the Very Reverend Philip Williams Turner, Dean of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale to be admitted as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral representing the theological education community of the Episcopal Church in the United States and Divinity Schools at Yale University.

Arthur, Bishop of Connecticut, I present to you the Reverend Richard Thomas Nolan, Associate for Education at Christ Church Cathedral and Professor of Philosophy and Social Science at Mattatuck Community College, to be admitted as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral representing the educational community of the State of Connecticut, and the non-parochial clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut and in honor of his volunteer service as a member of the Cathedral staff during the past four years.

Arthur, Bishop of Connecticut, I present to you the Reverend David Lawrence Cannon, Rector of St. James' Church, Poquetanuck to be admitted as an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral representing the parochial clergy of the Diocese of Connecticut and in recognition of his long and devoted service to this Diocese, his parish and his Cathedral.

BISHOP:

My Brothers, you were duly elected a Canon of this Cathedral upon the joint nomination of the Provost and Bishop at a meeting of the Chapter on October 21, 1991. Will you be faithful to all the duties of this office for the Glory of God and the Good of His Church?

CANON ELECT: I will, God being my helper.

The Bishop presents to the Canon elect a Vestment applique of the shield of the Cathedral.

 N , take this symbol of your office as a Canon of this Cathedral. May it be a sign to you and to the whole Church of the esteem in which you are held by the clergy and people of this Cathedral and this Diocese. May God bless the ministry He gives you among His people, and may God grant to you grace and power to fulfill the office to which you are called. And I, by the authority committed unto me, acknowledge you a Canon of this Cathedral in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

LET US PRAY:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Bishop then presents the Honorary Canons to the Congregation. **GREET YOUR NEW CANONS.**

The Peace

The Offertory Sentences (The offering at the Convention Eucharist has been designated for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.)

Hymn 49

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A
The Sanctus S 125
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of Bread

Communion Hymns (sung seated) 316, 343, 333

Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Hymn 594

The Bishop's Address

The Bishop of Connecticut

The Blessing and Dismissal

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORSHIP

Presiding:

The Rt. Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Bishop of Connecticut

Concelebrants:

The Rt. Rev. Clarence N. Coleridge
The Rt. Rev. Jeffery W. Rowthorn

Master of Ceremonies:

The Very Rev. Richard H. Mansfield
The Rev. Claudia A. Dickson

Gospeler:

The Rev. Herman Harris

Table Deacon:

The Rev. Patricia Joy

Bishop's Chaplain:

Wilborne Austin

Old Testament Reader:

Ted Mollegen

New Testament Reader:

Jean Moffitt

The Prayers of the People:

Hilda Quevedo
Ken Wood

Presenters:

The Very Rev. Richard H. Mansfield, Jr.
Provost, Christ Church Cathedral
The Rev. Canon Douglas W. Kennedy
Honorary Canon, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen

Canons of Christ Church Cathedral:

The Rev. Canon Francis Belden
The Rev. Canon Clinton R. Jones
The Rev. Canon Ralph Read
The Rev. Canon Jervis Zimmerman
The Rev. Canon Kenneth Cameron
The Rev. Canon Richard Tombaugh
The Rev. Canon Edward Morgan