



Act of Incorporation (Chapter 62)

An Act to create the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver and his Successors in Office a Corporate Sole.

Preamble

Whereas the Roman Catholic Diocese of New Westminster has been raised to an Archbishopric and changed from the City of New Westminster to the City of Vancouver;

And whereas the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, and his successors in office, were by chapter 62 of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, 56 Victoria, 1893, created a corporation sole;

And whereas there is now standing registered in the name of the said corporation sole a great deal of real estate;

And whereas, Bishop Dontenwill, who was the Bishop of New Westminster at the time of the change of See, and who became the first Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, has resigned his See, and the said See is now vacant;

And whereas the Reverend John Welch, the Administrator during the vacancy of the See has presented a petition, praying that the Archbishop of Vancouver, and his successors in office, may be created a corporation sole, and that all the real estate vested in the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, as a corporation sole, may be declared to stand vested in the Archbishop of Vancouver, as a corporation sole;

And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioner;

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

Incorporation, Corporate Name, Land: Power to Hold

1. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver for the time being, and his successors in office, duly nominated and appointed as such Archbishop, according to the usages and rites of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be a corporation sole, with perpetual succession, under the name and style of "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver," with power to acquire and hold lands; and all lands, real estate, tenements and hereditaments hereinbefore granted, conveyed or devised to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, shall be vested in the said corporation sole, subject to any trusts affecting the same, with power, subject to all existing trusts, to sell, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise deal with the same, or any part thereof.



Vesting in New Corporation of Lands Standing in Name of R.C. Bishop of New Westminster

2. All property, real or personal, now vested or standing in the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, as a corporation sole, is hereby declared to be vested in the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, as a corporation sole, may sell and convey the said property under the name of seal of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver.
 - a. No contract or engagement entered into by or with the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, and no liability incurred by the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster as a corporation sole, shall be affected by the vesting of all property, real or personal, now vested or standing in the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster as a corporation sole in the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, and all contracts entered into and all obligations and liabilities incurred by the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster shall devolved upon, be binding upon and be discharged by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, by the Act created a corporation sole.

Vacancies

3. Upon a vacancy happening in the office of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Vancouver the person who shall for the time being be appointed, according to the usages and rites of the Roman Catholic Church, to administer the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, shall have entire control over the rents, issues and profits of the real and personal property of the said corporation until the nomination and appointment of another Archbishop in manner named in section 1 of this Act.

Administrator, Powers Of

4. In the event of any person or corporation being entitled, during a vacancy in the said office, to demand from the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver, or from the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Westminster, a conveyance of real estate in pursuance of an agreement duly entered into between the said person or corporation and the said corporation sole, then the person who shall for the time being be appointed, according to the usages and rites of the Roman Catholic Church, to administer the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the said person or corporation a deed of the said lands in accordance with the terms of the said agreement, in the name of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver; and the said conveyance shall be a valid transfer of the said lands as if made by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver.



Short Title

5. This Act may be cited as “The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Incorporation Act.”