



Decree No. 14 — Revised

In accordance with the prescriptions of cc. 8 §2 and 455 §3, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops hereby decrees that the decrees enacted by the Conference of Bishops, after recognition by the Apostolic See, are promulgated through publication in the series “Official Document – Document officiel” on the official website of the Conference, “Conférence des Évêques catholique du Canada - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops”. In certain cases, another method of promulgation may also be prescribed.

These decrees come into force one calendar month after the date affixed to the decree of publication, unless, because of the nature of the case, they bind at once, or unless a shorter or longer interval has been specifically and expressly prescribed in the decree itself.

COMMENTARY

The revised Decree No. 14 was approved by the Conference at the 2-3 April 2008 meeting of the Permanent Council. It does not require recognition by the Apostolic See.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, then operating under the name of the Canadian Catholic Conference (CCC), did begin on 16 November 1964 to circulate true copies of official documents in a printed series entitled “Official Document — Document officiel”, which were sent to the attention of the Bishops of Canada and to the Chancellors of Canadian dioceses. The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, at its meeting of 19-20 March 1986 established that decrees enacted in accord with can. 455 come into being when they are promulgated in this series. That decree was issued as Official Document – Document officiel No. 572, 26-06-87.

The revised decree establishes that the series “Official Document — Document officiel” is henceforth to be published on the official website of the Conference. Copies are available in printed form upon request.

At its meeting of January 30-31, 1985, the Executive Committee had agreed that, after promulgation, decrees be circulated to various publications for reprinting (Studia canonica, L’Église canadienne, etc.).

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