

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ACT**

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**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Church Act.

**1A. Interpretation**

In this Act—

“Diocese” means the Roman Catholic Church in Mauritius.

**2. The Diocese**

The Diocese shall be a body corporate under the name “The Roman Catholic Diocese of Port Louis”.

**3. Object of Diocese**

The object of the Diocese shall be to maintain such places of worship, schools and buildings for the residence of its ministers and for charitable purposes as it may require.

**4. Proceedings by or against Diocese**

Service of process by or on the Bishop of Port Louis, and in case of the death, absence or any other incapacity of the Bishop, or of vacancy, service by or on the Ecclesiastical Administrator of the Diocese, shall be equivalent to service by or on the Diocese.

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**7. Management of Diocese**

(1) The Diocese shall be managed and represented by the Bishop of Port Louis, and in case of death, absence or any other incapacity of the Bishop, or of vacancy, the Diocese shall be managed and represented by the Ecclesiastical Administrator of the Diocese.

(2) The Bishop of Port Louis or the Ecclesiastical Administrator of the Diocese, as the case may be, shall exercise the powers of the Diocese.

(3) All deeds and acts concerning the Diocese shall be signed by the Bishop of Port Louis, and in the case of death, absence or any other incapacity of the Bishop or of vacancy, by the Ecclesiastical Administrator of the Diocese.

**8. Donations and legacies**

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Diocese.

**9. Exemption from payment of duty**

The Diocese shall be exempt from the payment of duty on donations and legacies made to it.

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