

Constitution and Canons

CANON 18 BOUNDARIES OF PARISHES

1. Failing documentary evidence to the contrary, Parish Boundaries shall be considered as those which have become generally accepted.
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 - A. The Clerics and Churchwardens of adjoining parishes may come to agreement with the Bishop or his or her representative as to a redrawing or a clearer description of the boundaries of their Parishes.
 - B. Such an agreement shall be recorded as an Episcopal Act, and may be certified by the parties.
3. The Bishop may erect a new Parish out of part of one or more existing Parishes.
 - A. Before he or she doing so, the Bishop shall consult the Clerics, the Churchwardens and the Lay Delegates of the existing Parishes involved, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum.
 - B. If they all agree, the boundaries of the new Parish shall be fixed.
 - C. The erection of the new parish and / or the redrawing of its boundaries shall be recorded as an Episcopal Act, and may be certified by the parties.
4. In the event of any disagreement respecting the proposed boundaries, or the proposed erection of a new parish, the Bishop shall appoint a Committee to hear and determine the matter.
 - A. The Committee shall consist of two impartial Priests and two impartial Lay Persons; of these, one priest and one lay person shall be chosen by the Bishop, and the other priest and the other lay person shall be chosen by the parties challenging the implementation of the proposed boundaries or the erection of the new parish.
 - B. The Archdeacon, or failing him or her, the Rural Dean, with jurisdiction in the area, shall act as Chairperson of the Committee.
 - C. The Committee shall hear all the parties involved, and decide the issue.
 - D. If the Committee supports the proposal, the Bishop may alter the boundaries or establish the new Parish.
 - E. The decision shall be recorded as an Episcopal Act, and the Parishes and parties shall be advised in writing.

Diocese of Quebec

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