



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

DECREE

On the minimum age for marriage

Whereas a man before he has completed his sixteenth year of age and a woman before she has completed her fourteenth year of age cannot enter into a valid marriage (c 1083, §1);

And whereas the Conference of Bishops is free to establish a higher age for the licit celebration of marriage (c 1083, §2);

And whereas the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, in Plenary Assembly in November 2022, has unanimously voted to raise the minimum age for the lawful celebration of marriage in England and Wales to eighteen years for both parties;

I, the undersigned Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, in accord with the Resolution of the Plenary Assembly of November 2022 and on behalf of the Bishops of England and Wales, do therefore decree that in accordance with canon 1083, §2, that no one in England and Wales may lawfully marry until they have completed their eighteenth year.

Given at Westminster on the first day of March 2023.

Recognitio granted by the Dicastery for Bishops on 29th day of March 2023

+ Vincent Card. Nichols

Vincent Cardinal Nichols
President

Christopher Thomas

Rev. Canon Christopher Thomas
General Secretary





CONGREGATIO PRO EPISCOPIS

Dicasterium pro Episcopis ex 5 Iunii 2022

ANGLIAE ET CAMBRIAE

De Conferentiae Episcoporum decreti generalis recognitione

DECRETUM

Em.mus P.D. Vincentius Gerardus S. R. E. Card. Nichols, Conferentiae Episcoporum Angliae et Cambriae Praeses, ipsius Conferentiae nomine, ab Apostolica Sede postulavit, ut canonis 1083 § 2 norma complementaris a conventu plenario Conferentiae ad normam iuris adprobata, rite recognosceretur.

Dicasterium pro Episcopis, vi facultatum sibi articulo 110 Constitutionis Apostolicae “Praedicate Evangelium” tributarum et collatis consiliis cum Dicasteriis quorum interest, memoratam normam, prout in adnexo exemplari continetur, iuri canonico universali accommodatam repperit et ratam habet.

Quapropter, eadem norma, modis ac temporibus a memorata Conferentia determinatis, promulgari poterit.

Datum Romae ex Aedibus Dicasterii pro Episcopis, die 29 mensis Martii anno 2023.

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+ *Uron de Jesus Montanari*
A Secretis