



## ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH INCORPORATION AND VESTING ACT

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### **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH INCORPORATION AND VESTING ACT**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

#### **Short title.**

1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Church Incorporation and Vesting Act.

#### **Incorporation of the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre.**

2. The Right Reverend Donald James Reece, D.D. the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre and his successors in office shall be and is hereby constituted a corporation under the style and title of the "Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre" with perpetual succession and a common seal and authority by that corporation name to sue and be sued, to acquire and hold real and personal property in trust for all purposes connected with the affairs of the Roman Catholic Church in Saint Christopher and Nevis and with the power to sell, mortgage, alienate or lease the said property.

#### **Vesting of Property.**

3. All real and personal property in Saint Christopher and Nevis now held or vested in the Bishop of Roseau or held by or vested in any person or persons on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church Parishioners in Saint Christopher and Nevis are hereby transferred to and vested in the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre and his successors and assigns for the same estates and interests and to the extent to which the same were respectively at the time of the passing of this Act held or vested as aforesaid subject to the rights, reservations and charges (if any) now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held.

#### **Powers of the said corporation.**

4. The Bishop of Saint John's-Basseterre shall have the following powers—
  - (a) to acquire, hold, purchase, receive, lease, possess, and enjoy and lands or hereditaments whatsoever in fee simple, leasehold or for any other estate or interest and all property real, personal or mixed;

- (b) to give, grant, let, charge, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, assign, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any of the property both present and future so held or vested or any part thereof;
- (c) to borrow, raise or secure the payment, of money in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by the issue of debentures or scrip charged upon all or any of the property (both present and future) held by or vested in the Corporation and to redeem and pay off any such securities;
- (d) to appoint an attorney or attorneys for such time and purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the instrument of appointment and to revoke any such appointment and to confer on any such attorney or attorneys appointed as aforesaid power to appoint a substitute in his or her or their stead.

**Savings of Crown and other rights.**

5. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her the Crown, Her Heirs and Successors or any body politic or corporate of any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

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