

The Society is an ecclesial body, led by a Council of Bishops.

The purposes of The Society are:

- ✘ to promote and maintain catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England,
- ✘ to provide episcopal oversight to which churches, institutions and individuals will freely submit themselves,
- ✘ to guarantee a ministry in the historic apostolic succession in which they can have confidence.

### **Declaration by a Priest**

- ✘ I believe and teach the catholic faith as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds.
- ✘ I hold a benefice in the Church of England or a licence or permission to officiate in a diocese of the Church of England.
- ✘ I have been ordained to the priesthood by a male bishop standing in the historic apostolic succession of bishops at whose episcopal ordination a male bishop presided.
- ✘ On grounds of theological conviction, I will concelebrate the Eucharist only with male bishops and priests so ordained, and I will receive communion only when such bishops and priests preside.
- ✘ I freely make this Declaration to a member of the Council of Bishops of The Society and place myself under his oversight. I understand that I will continue to owe canonical obedience to any Ordinary who has jurisdiction over me.
- ✘ I was ordained

to the diaconate by.....[name of bishop], and

to the priesthood by.....[name of bishop].

*Providing ministry, sacraments and oversight which we can receive with confidence*

- ✘ I understand that this Declaration and its attachments will be kept on file by The Society, and that the details contained in these documents ('the data') will be included in a list of priests of The Society that is stored electronically. I note that the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998 is the Secretary of the Council of Bishops of The Society. I give my express permission for the data controller to record and hold the data, and to disclose the data to the bishops of The Society, their immediate staff, and their Representative in my diocese for the purposes of communicating with me as a priest of The Society and advising the clergy and churchwardens of parishes affiliated to The Society in respect of appointments to and ministry in those parishes.
- ✘ I will retain a copy of this Declaration. If any of the above statements cease to be true, I will inform the appropriate member of the Council of Bishops of The Society promptly.
- ✘ I attach to this Declaration copies of my Letters of Orders.
- ✘ If I am not the incumbent of a benefice, I also attach a copy of my Licence or Permission to Officiate.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

***Please notify the office of The Society (2A The Cloisters, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0AG – admin@sswsh.com) of any change in the details below.***

Please write name and address in block capitals:

Style/title and full name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone number(s): .....

Email address: .....

**PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED DECLARATION, TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF THE DODUMENTS REQUESTED, TO THE APPROPRIATE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF BISHOPS OF THE SOCIETY, NOT TO THE SOCIETY OFFICE.**