

**Bill No 2**

**Explanatory Memorandum**

If Bill No 1 is passed, there will be two Cathedral Churches in the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam and St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala.

The proposed Bill will (if passed) allow for members of the Chapter of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam to also be members of the Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Killala and *vice versa*.

The provisions of this Bill were passed unanimously by the Diocesan Synods of Tuam, Killala and Achonry at the Diocesan Synod in Tuam on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

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**BILL**

**To provide for the future management and regulation of the Dignities in the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry**

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the provisions for the appointment of clergy to the dignities and canonries of the Cathedrals of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry;

AND WHEREAS to give effect to the alteration of the said provisions it is necessary to amend the provisions of the following Statutes, namely, 2013 Chapter I relating to the number of dignities in the United Dioceses of Killala and Achonry and 1891 Chapter III relating to the canonries in the Diocese of Tuam;

AND WHEREAS the said Chapters of the Cathedrals of the said United Dioceses have agreed to the provisions contained in this Act which has been approved at a meeting of the Diocesan Synods of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry held in Tuam on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2013, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Statutes of 2013 Chapter I relating to the number of dignities in the United Dioceses of Killala and Achonry and in 1891 Chapter III relating to canonries in the Diocese of Tuam, any member of the clergy of the United Dioceses appointed to any dignity, canonry or prebend in either of the said Cathedrals may nevertheless be appointed to and hold any dignity, canonry or prebend in the other of the said two Cathedrals.