

GENERAL SYNOD 2013

Bill No 2

Proposed by the Very Revd Alistair Grimason, Dean of Tuam

EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

The United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry is small, possessing only nine cures, but it has two cathedrals, St Patricks Killala and St Mary's Tuam. Each of these cathedrals witnesses to a very distinct expression of Anglican tradition yet the united dioceses is able to maintain these distinct expressions in unity: without faction or fraction, dispute or discord, in singleness of determination to witness to the love of Christ and the Grace of God. Personally I am proud of this fact. And I dare to hold it up as a wholesome example to our Church of Ireland in these difficult times. This unity is seen in our formal structures: we have one bishop, one diocesan synod, one diocesan council, one set of diocesan committees across the board. BUT we have two cathedral chapters. The purpose of this Bill is to bring the chapters into line with the rest of the diocesan structures and to establish one single diocesan cathedral chapter mutual to both cathedrals.

In a nutshell and to put it simply and plainly, what we propose is that canons of Tuam cathedral may also be canons of Killala cathedral. And that canons of Killala cathedral may also be canons of Tuam cathedral. Further that the Dean of Tuam may hold a prebend stall in Killala cathedral and that the Dean of Killala may hold a prebend stall in Tuam cathedral.

In order not to muddy the waters I shall say no more and I propose that....